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▶ Samba Connection's Camila Gonzalez, front, performs with Melanie Leduc, left, and Danilo Rosa at Caju restaurant yesterday.

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Brazil is all set to samba summer away

To the sights and sounds of a samba troupe, the third annual Brazilian Day Canada Festival was announced by that country's consul at a Queen Street West restaurant yesterday. The event, held Labour Day at Yonge-Dundas Square, will feature an array of Brazilian musicians, dancers and food.

Woman dies in TTC crash

Bus front crushed ◐ Nine people taken to hospital with non life-threatening injuries

A mid-afternoon crash involving a Toronto transit bus and a crane yesterday left a 43-year-old woman dead and 13 others injured.

The collision happened on busy Lawrence Avenue just east of the Don Valley Parkway as the afternoon rush hour began. Residents in the area reported hearing a loud bang when the crash occurred at about 2:45 p.m.

TV images from the scene showed the bus sitting on the road with its front end badly crushed.

Lawrence Avenue was closed for several hours between Victoria Park and Don Mills while emergency workers and a police accident reconstruction team attended the scene at Railside Road.

All ramps leading from Lawrence Avenue to the Don Valley Parkway were also closed for the investigation, leading to traffic back-ups in the area.

Nine people were taken to hospital after the collision, said Const. Hugh Smith, while four others refused.

A TTC spokesman could not say how many people were on the bus, but said he believed none of those hurt had life-threatening injuries.

"We deeply regret the loss of life in this incident, and our concerns are with all the other customers that were onboard the vehicle," Mike DeToma said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Conrad Black's son proclaims innocence

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▶ Jonathan Black

The son of former media baron Conrad Black is proclaiming his innocence as he faces trial on charges of harassing his ex-girlfriend.

Jonathan Black says his case is only being subject to media scrutiny because of who his father is.

"I'm a normal person," Black said in an interview Tuesday. "Just because my father has a case in the media, all of a sudden this becomes a huge ordeal."

Conrad Black, 66, has been ordered to report to a Florida prison to serve 13 more months of a prison sentence after being convicted of defrauding investors.

But Jonathan Black, 33, is accused of sending his ex-girlfriend repeated text messages and phone calls over a month starting Dec. 17, 2010.

He faces two sets of separate but related charges, including criminal harassment, threatening, and breach of recognizance.

He allegedly threatened to go after her new boyfriend as well.

"I didn't threaten anybody," Black said.

He said the allegations stem from a dispute he had with his ex-girlfriend over their plans to have a child. The baby was not born.

"I was upset," he said. "I don't believe I criminally harassed anybody," he said. "It was a difficult breakup."

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Judge gives green light to one G20 suit

Decides to stay second lawsuit
Sherry Good lawsuit beats case launched by two activists

The $45 million suit launched by office administrator Sherry Good on behalf of people subject to mass arrests during the June 2010 Toronto meeting of world leaders can now ask a judge for certification.

But the $115 million G20 suit launched by activists Miranda McQuade and Mike Barber is stayed, Justice Carolyn Horkins ruled in a judgment released to the public in Ontario Superior Court Tuesday.

Legal teams from each proposed class action sought an order staying the other.

Under court rules, only one can proceed for practical reasons, explained Murray Klippenstein who, with Eric Gillespie, represents Good.

Lawsuits

- The Good action was launched on behalf of people arrested or subjected to mass detention and who were released without charge or held at the Eastern Avenue Detention Centre.
- The McQuade action defines its members as those arrested, detained assaulted or charged on June 26 and 27, as well as all those at the detention centre from June 25 to 30.

"The Sherry Good lawsuit would include most of the individuals covered by the other lawsuit," Klippenstein told the Toronto Star.

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Happy. In heels

▶ Nick Rodrigue, front, director of development of the White Ribbon Campaign, struts to the finish line in his red heels as he outruns supporters at the launch of the Walk a Mile in her Shoes annual fundraiser yesterday.

PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO

Ending violence one step at a time

The event will take place at Yonge-Dundas Square on Sept. 29 and will showcase groups of men walking one mile in red heels in support of the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women.

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Police handcuff boy, nine

A Toronto mother says she is considering legal action after her nine-year-old son with special needs was handcuffed by police at a daycare centre, Citytv reports.

Linda Dastous says the staff at the Fairbank Memorial Day Care Centre called her on July 28, saying her son, Austin, was out of control.

Austin says he became upset after being teased and staff moved him to an empty classroom but he became more unruly and he barricaded himself in the room.

He says police broke down the door, grabbed his arms and put handcuffs on him. The cuffs were removed moments later.

Police are defending their decision to cuff the boy, saying their methods worked and the officers did the right thing by restraining him. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teaching support staff strike looms

The union for support staff at Ontario's community colleges says there's little hope of a deal with schools in time to avoid a strike. They will legally be able to strike at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bell phone service disrupted

About 400 Bell customers near Adelaide and John streets in downtown Toronto have been without phone service since Friday after a construction crew sliced through a cable. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two slain at work site

KATE ALLEN/TORONTO STAR

▶ Police tape stretches across the murder scene at an industrial site northwest of Toronto.

Male employee arrested: police
Deaths at construction yard

Two longtime employees who were killed at their workplace, an industrial site northwest of Toronto, were victims of homicide, York police confirmed yesterday.

One man was without vital signs and a second man seriously injured when a third person discovered the victims, both bleeding from the head, and called 911 around 10:25 a.m. yesterday, York Regional Police said.

"One was breathing, one wasn't," said Sgt. Don Dalgleish. The second man was transported to a local hospital where he later died. The other was pronounced dead at the scene.

The victims, Bill Jones, 74, and Jim Wilson, 78, had worked at James Elliott Underground Construction, a family-owned drilling and boring company that has been in business for four decades.

One male, the newest employee at the company, has been arrested, said Const. Blair McQuillan.

It was not immediately known what weapons, if any, were used in the killings, or what caused the dispute.

The incident occurred at a construction yard south of Schomberg, just south of Hwy. 9 and west of Hwy. 400.

Contacted at a convenience store down the road, some residents said they heard the numerous sirens and fire trucks, police cruisers and ambulances yeterday morning but were unaware of what had taken place. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nurse's death unsolved one year on

One year after the murder of Orangeville nurse Sonia Varaschin, police have little to say about the investigation as the search for her killer continues.

"We're still going to catch this guy," Ontario Provincial Police spokesman Pierre Chamberland said yesterday. "We recognize it's been one year since her murder. Every day gets us closer. Our confidence level is very high."

Chamberland insisted the case is progressing, but wouldn't say how many DNA samples have been collected or how many have been analyzed.

"This is not CSI on television. It's science and science takes time," Chamberland said.

In May, the OPP openly taunted the unknown killer at a news conference to announce they were collecting DNA samples from possible suspects. Police have said Varaschin might have been killed by a person she met on a dating website.

Using computer files seized from her home, police are tracking down the men who contacted Varaschin online to see if they can match up DNA evidence — or exclude them as suspects. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Sonia Varaschin skiing in Whistler, B.C., in this handout from her family.

The case

- Varaschin, 42, was reported missing on Aug. 30, 2010
- Her white Toyota Corolla was found parked in an alley way on Aug. 30 and what appeared to be blood was found both on the vehicle and at her Orangeville townhouse.
- On Sept. 5, a citizen found human remains in a rural area in the town of Caledon, later confirmed to be that of Varaschin.
- Police have not revealed the cause of her death.

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▶ Muslims pray at the Muslim Association of Canada's Eid celebration at the Metro Convention Centre yesterday. Premier Dalton McGuinty, inset, joined in the festivities with attendees.

Ramadan ends with celebration

Thousands gather at Convention Centre to mark Eid ul-Fitr Food, fun, and debate on prayers at school

The debate over Muslim prayers at a Toronto school wove its way into Eid ul-Fitr celebrations yesterday.

Speaking to a crowd of more than 10,000 gathered at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Jamal Badawi, a prominent author on Islam, called attempts to stop the Friday prayers at Valley Park Middle School a form of "secular fundamentalism."

Critics, including several religious groups, have condemned the school for allowing an imam to conduct prayer services for Muslim students in the cafeteria.

"We strongly support the freedom of faith … and prayer in schools. Yes, in schools," Badawi said to some cheers.

His sermon marked a serious moment in a largely celebratory event marking the end of Ramadan, a month-long fast.

The festival, which includes carnival rides and a bazaar, has been organized by the Muslim Association of Canada for 26 years.

Ahmed Hammam had just immigrated to Canada and was looking for a way to meet other Muslims when he first attended the event two years ago. This year, the Egyptian doctor volunteered as an usher.

"I feel it's a good deed for me," Hammam said as he directed worshippers to cardboard that had been set up for them to kneel on for prayer.

Many stopped to wish him "Eid Mubarak," an Arabic greeting for the holiday. "We treat everyone like a brother and sister here," he said.

Premier Dalton McGuinty made a brief appearance, thanking the attendees for their contributions to the province's economy and culture.

"Thank you for opening the eyes of all Ontarians to the beautiful, peaceful, loving faith that is Islam," he said to loud cheers, adding that the province "thrives on diversity."

Ontario's NDP leader, Andrea Horwath, also addressed the crowd.

"It shows they value each and everyone in the community," said Aquib Mir, who brought his wife and son to the event.

"Thank you for opening the eyes of all Ontarians to the beautiful, peaceful, loving faith that is Islam."
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Mir said he's glad the festival was at the convention centre, a change from the usual Exhibition Place venue.

"It's more prominent. It shows that Muslims are just like other communities, celebrating, having food, having fun" — an image that isn't seen enough in mainstream culture, he said.

The Ghani sisters — Aisha, Rukiyah and Sumiyyah — have been attending the festival with their mother since they were kids.

This year, their mother is out of town, so big sister Aisha brought the younger ones for food and shopping." We still came today because it's kind of like a tradition," she said.

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Flooding hits by surprise

U.S. National Guard helicopters rushed food and water yesterday to a dozen cut-off towns in the northeastern state of Vermont after the rainy remnants of hurricane Irene washed out roads and bridges in a deluge.

Up to 28 centimetres of rain from the weekend storm turned placid streams into churning, brown torrents that splintered buildings, knocked homes off their foundations, flattened trees and took giant bites out of the asphalt across the countryside. At least three people died in Vermont.

"There's just a lot of disbelief on people's faces. It came through so quickly, and there's so much damage," said Gail Devine, director of the Woodstock Recreation Centre.

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Aftershocks still felt

The 5.8-magnitude earthquake that rattled America's East Coast on Aug. 23 continues to produce aftershocks, ranging in magnitude from 4.5 to as little as 2.0. Two happened late Monday night. The largest was felt last Thursday.

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Business ban on Syria

The Obama administration expanded its net of sanctions on Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime yesterday, banning Americans from doing business with the foreign minister and two other officials as it seeks to pressure authorities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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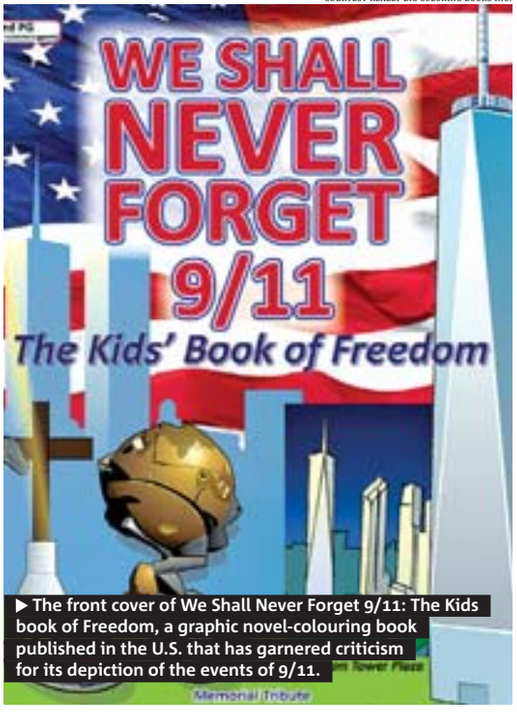

▶ The front cover of We Shall Never Forget 9/11: The Kids book of Freedom, a graphic novel-colouring book published in the U.S. that has garnered criticism for its depiction of the events of 9/11.

◗ Author accused of stereotyping Muslims ◗ 10,000 copies have sold

The publisher of a controversial new children's colouring book entitled We Shall Never Forget 9/11: The Kids' Book of Freedom is defending the publication, saying it is simply an educational tool teaching kids about "what a group of radicals did" to the U.S.

The book purports to tell the story of the 9/11 terrorist attacks from planning stages through to the assassination of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden this year.

Children can colour in pictures, including one of the burning twin towers and one of a Navy SEAL soldier shooting a bullet at bin Laden as he cowers behind a woman dressed in a hijab.

Wayne Bell, publisher of St. Louis, Missouri-based Really Big Coloring Books Inc. and the book's author, says it is "a very clean, honest read."

"These attacks will change the way America deals with and views Islamic and Muslim people around the world. Today the world is a new place."

TEXT FROM THE KIDS BOOK OF FREEDOM

Ibrahim Hooper, of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, says it attempts to indoctrinate young people with stereotypes. "Hopefully, the parents would recognize the agenda behind this book and not expose their children to intolerance or religious hatred."

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Concerns rise with record WikiLeaks release

The accelerated public disclosure of tens of thousands of previously unreleased State Department cables by the WikiLeaks anti-secrecy organization has raised new concerns about the exposure of confidential U.S. embassy sources and is proving a source of fresh diplomatic setbacks and embarrassment for the Obama administration, American officials said yesterday.

The Associated Press reviewed more than 2,000 of the cables recently released by WikiLeaks. They contained the identities of at least 14 sources who had sought protection and whose names the cable authors had asked to protect.

Officials said the disclosure in the past week of more than 125,000 sensitive documents further endangered informants and jeopardized U.S. foreign policy goals. Officials would not comment on the authenticity of the documents, but said the rate and method of the releases presented new complications.

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▶ This file photo shows a screensaver from the whistleblower website Wikileaks.

"The United States strongly condemns any illegal disclosure of classified information," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

"It puts individuals' security at risk, threatens our national security and undermines our effort to work with countries to solve shared problems."

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Quick response

- A crisis management team at the State Department has been set up to deal with the matter.
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Groups demand access to info probe

Political aide ordered document withheld RCMP dropped 'unwarranted' criminal investigation this month

Three watchdog groups are asking Parliament to find out why the RCMP dropped its probe of alleged political interference in the release of government information.

Newspapers Canada, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation and the B.C. Freedom of Information and Privacy Association issued a joint letter yesterday asking a House of Commons committee to investigate the case of Sebastien Togneri.

In 2009, Togneri, a political aide to then-public works minister Christian Paradis, ordered a document withheld from a Canadian Press reporter who requested it under the Access to Information Act.

The document, an annual report on the government's giant real-estate portfolio, was then retrieved from the Public Works mailroom shortly before it was to be sent out.

Togneri was later required to appear before the Commons committee on access to information, privacy and ethics, where he acknowledged his order to "unrelease" the document was a "mistake."

And a year-long investigation by Canada's information commissioner concluded Togneri had inappropriately interfered when he had no legal authority to do so.

Suzanne Legault recommended the government send the case to the RCMP to examine whether Togneri's actions broke Section 67.1 of the Access to Information Act.

"The RCMP decision to abandon this investigation is extremely troubling," John Hinds, president of Newspapers Canada, said in a release.

"It appears to leave people most likely to interfere with ATI (Access to Information) requests above the law, and that just cannot stand."

The RCMP's abandoned investigation is the second time the Mounties have declined to lay charges in a high-profile case involving Section 67.1. Last fall, officers decided no charges were warranted after a two-year investigation into the deliberate destruction of emails at the National Gallery of Canada.

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Section 67.1

- Section 67.1 of the Access to Information Act provides for jail terms and penalties for interfering with the release of government information.
- No one has ever been charged under Section 67.1, which was added to the act in 1999 after scandals in which defence and health records had been destroyed to avoid embarrassing revelations

Flash. Mob

Romanian gendarmes try to stop protesters against a Canadian gold mining project from approaching the Romanian Presidency headquarters yesterday during a flash mob in Bucharest, Romania.

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Canadian mining project divisive

Romania's president Traian Basescu said yesterday he supports a controversial gold mining project in western Transylvania, as opponents said it could cause an environmental disaster. Basescu said during a visit to the proposed site that the investment by Canada's Rosia Montana Gold Corp. would bring jobs. The site is expected to contain 300 tons of gold and 1,600 tons of silver.

PM's spokesman moving on

Dimitri Soudas has delivered his last briefing as chief spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The 32-year-old is leaving politics for a private-sector job and more family time.

Soudas was a Harper aide and adviser for nine years. In recent years, he acted as communications director and sparred regularly with journalists over access and control of information.

He was the point man in a protracted effort to force journalists to sign onto a predetermined list of those allowed to question Harper during news conferences.

Soudas was seen as a loyalist fiercely devoted to the PM — in his farewell he called Harper "the best prime minister Canada has ever had."

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Dimitri Soudas

Police seize 47 dogs

Nearly 50 dogs have been seized from a home in a community north of Owen Sound.

Police and bylaw enforcement officers from South Bruce Peninsula went to the home on Old Red Bay Road near Oliphant on Sunday and pounded on the door but got no answer.

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Violent protest reveals power struggle

South African youth league supporters call for the ouster of the country's president

South African police fired stun grenades, water cannons and rubber bullets yesterday at thousands of stone-throwing protesters, who burned flags of the ruling African National Congress party.

The protesters were supporters of Julius Malema, the fiery leader of the ANC's youth league, who was brought before a party disciplinary committee charged with bringing the ANC into disrepute. He faces possible expulsion or suspension.

After the day of sporadic violence, ANC secretary-general Gwede Mantashe announced that they were moving the hearing to a secret location outside the city to allow business in the country's economic capital to continue uninterrupted.

Earlier yesterday, Malema urged his cheering followers to be peaceful. They had burned the green, black and gold party flag and T-shirts carrying images of South African President Jacob Zuma and other top party leaders.

"You are here because you love the ANC. We must exercise restraint," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Botswana

- The hearing follows the youth league's calls for the overthrow of the government of neighbouring Botswana.

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▶ African National Congress Youth League supporters burn a party T-shirt with a portrait of South African president Jacob Zuma in downtown Johannesburg yesterday as they protest at the start of a disciplinary hearing against their leader Julius Malema.

Uganda landslide death toll continues to rise

An official says the death toll has risen to 40 from landslides that buried homes in an eastern district of Uganda.

Regional information officer Ken Mabisi said yesterday that the Red Cross and other volunteers are still digging for bodies in the Bulambuli district.

He says the Red Cross has also started distributing essential household items to some surrounding communities whose crops and houses were destroyed by Monday's landslides.

The government on Monday said 29 people were killed.

The landslides followed heavy rainfall in the Bulambuli district, 267 kilometres east of Kampala.

Last year over 300 people were killed by landslides in Bududa district in the eastern region of Uganda.

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▶ A woman is helped by her neighbours after finding the body of her missing relative yesterday following a landslide.

Uganda history

- Uganda gained independence from Britain in 1962, maintaining its Commonwealth membership.
- The first post-independence election, held in 1962, was won by an alliance between the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) and Kabaka Yekka (KY).
- UPC and KY formed the first post-independence government with Milton Obote as executive Prime Minister, the Buganda Kabaka (King) Edward Muteesa II holding the largely ceremonial position of President.

Two weeks ago seven people were killed by landslides in Uganda's northeastern Karamoja region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Melbourne has been named the world's most liveable city, according to a new survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

The Australian city finished No. 1 in the rankings of 140 cities worldwide, ahead of Vancouver, which had held the top spot for almost 10 years but now places third behind Vienna.

The July 2011 survey scored countries based on social and political stability, quality of heath care, crime rates, arts and cultural events, education, the environment, and infrastructure, including telecommunications and public transportation.

"Australia, with a low population density and relatively low crime rates, continues to supply some of the world's most liveable cities," survey editor Jon Copestake said yesterday.

"Despite the rising cost of living, driven by the strong Australian dollar, these cities offer a range of factors to make them highly attractive."

And there's more bad news for Vancouver. Its ranking could drop even further in future surveys due to the Stanley Cup riots in June, which were too late to count in this survey.

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▶ A view of the downtown Melbourne skyline at dusk. The Aussie jewel is now the world's "most liveable city."

T.O. just off the podium

Toronto got top marks for crime, health care and education, but it wasn't enough to top the liveable list. The city finished fourth, while Calgary came sixth.

Helsinki ranked seventh, Paris 16th, Tokyo 18th and London 53rd. The highest ranking U.S. city was Honolulu in 26th spot.

Athens dropped 2.5 per cent since the last survey to 67th — below San Juan in Puerto Rico and Montevideo in Uruguay — because of recent violent protests.

Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, ranked as the least liveable city.

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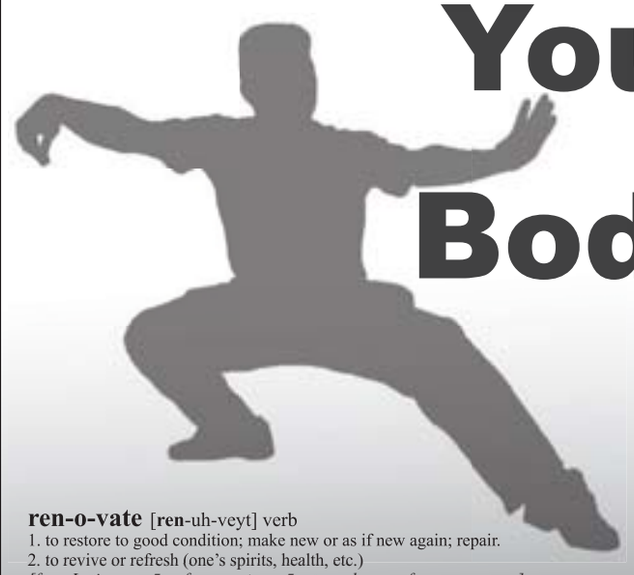

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INFANT DAUGHTER'S

Libyan diplomat says it was common knowledge Gadhafi's adopted baby didn't die in 1986 U.S. airstrike

Since the rebel takeover of Tripoli, evidence has been mounting that Moammar Gadhafi may have lied about the death of his adopted baby daughter Hana in a 1986 American airstrike.

The strike hit Gadhafi's home in his Tripoli compound, Bab al-Aziziya, in retaliation for the Libyan-sponsored bombing of a Berlin nightclub earlier that same year that killed two U.S. servicemen. At the time, Gadhafi showed American journalists a picture of a dead baby and claimed it was his adopted daughter Hana — the first public mention that she even existed.

Diplomats almost immediately questioned the claim. But Gadhafi kept the story alive through the years.

Then, when investigations into the 1988 Lockerbie airliner bombing pointed to a Libyan hand in the attack, some theorized that Gadhafi had ordered it to avenge Hana's death in the U.S. airstrike.

But when Libyan rebels took over Tripoli and Bab al-Aziziya last week, they found a room in Gadhafi's home with Hana's birth certificate and pictures of a young woman with Hana written on the back, possible indications that she lived well beyond infancy. A Tripoli hospital official surfaced, saying Hana worked for him as a surgeon up until the rebels came to town.

And yesterday, Swiss officials confirmed that Hana's name had briefly appeared earlier this year on a Swiss government document listing the names of senior Libyan figures targeted for sanctions.

Many Libyans believe Hana was never killed and talked about her existence openly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebels closing in

- Libyan rebels pledged yesterday to launch an assault within days on Moammar Gadhafi's hometown, the ousted strongman's last major bastion of support, while a top official said the rebels have a "good idea" where Gadhafi is hiding.
- The rebels and NATO said that Gadhafi loyalists were negotiating the fate of Sirte, a heavily militarized city some 250 miles (400 kilometres) east of the capital, Tripoli.
- Mustafa Abdel Jalil, the head of the rebels' National Transitional Council, said that negotiations with forces in Sirte would end Saturday after the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, when the rebels would "act decisively and militarily."
- Col. Roland Lavoie, a NATO spokesman, said it's possible Sirte might surrender without a fight.
- "We have seen dialogues in several villages that were freed — I'm not saying with no hostilities, but with minimal hostilities," he said.
- Lavoie said NATO would continue its mission as long as civilians in the country are under threat, although the area around the capital, Tripoli, is now "essentially free."
- Lavoie appeared to struggle to explain how NATO strikes were protecting civilians at this stage in the conflict.
- A top rebel official, meanwhile, said their forces were closing in on Gadhafi.

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▶ An undated 1996 file photo of Col. Moammar Gadhafi and, presumably, his daughter Hana.

Gadhafi became a grandpa yesterday

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▶ Aisha Gadhafi

Algeria's Health Ministry says that ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's daughter has given birth to a baby girl in Algeria.

An official with the ministry says that Aisha Gadhafi gave birth in Algiers yesterday.

The official provided no other information, including on where she gave birth. The official was not authorized to be publicly named according to ministry rules.

The Algerian Foreign Ministry confirmed that Gadhafi's wife Safia, his sons Hannibal and Mohammed, and his daughter Aisha entered southern Algeria from the Libyan border Monday.

Algerian news reports had said Aisha's pregnancy was one reason for Algeria's decision to take the family in.

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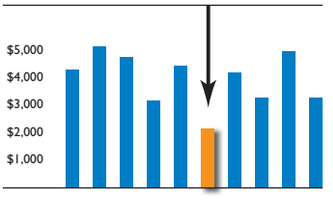

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Cops want to catch rioters

- Independent report on Vancouver riot to be released tomorrow
- Police chief wants to ensure the most serious riot charges are laid first

Vancouver police are putting a high-tech, interactive spin on the old-fashioned Most Wanted poster.

The force has launched riot2011.vpd.ca, which currently has photos of 40 suspected rioters that the force is hoping the public will help identify.

Police Chief Jim Chu says the force wants people who recognize someone to offer the person's name and details on how they know the individual and also provide their own information so police can contact them.

Chu defended the lack of riot charges and said that rushing to charge people with less serious offences will mean a lesser kind of justice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Rioters break the front doors of a Sears department store on Granville Street during the riot following Game 7 of the NHL Stanley Cup final in downtown Vancouver on June 15.

Injecting arts and culture into Calgary

Alberta Tory leadership candidate Alison Redford said she's open to the idea of the province helping fund a new state-of-the art film production facility in Calgary.

Redford says while she wants to see the business plan first, the concept meshes with her proposal to expand the role of the arts in Alberta.

Culture Minister Lindsay Blackett is trying to secure $32 million for Alberta Creative Hub, a state-of-art sound stage and production centre on land at Canada Olympic Park.

Blackett wants the province to put up a third of the cost.

32 million is the amount of money that the Culture Minister is trying to secure for a film production facility in Calgary.

Redford made the comments after releasing her policy platform on the arts, which focuses on putting more money and emphasis on the arts in schools.

Redford says getting schoolchildren more involved in such programs not only enriches the province culturally, it also gives youngsters a better connection to their community when they become adults. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada to discuss Libya's next steps

Canada is headed into high-level talks on Libya this week with formal offers of assistance for the country as it rebuilds after a bloody uprising.

The prime minister's chief spokesman says the intent of the meeting in Paris is to figure out what the rebels' National Transitional Council actually needs.

Dimitri Soudas says Canada has the ability to contribute on a number of levels but first the international community needs to co-ordinate assistance.

How to help fund Libya's reconstruction will be a central theme for discussion, with freeing billions in assets seized from the ousted Gadhafi regime seen as a key step forward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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No more limits to new domain names

Web addresses could soon be more personalized and funky But search engines still look for .com

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Forget the old-fashioned web suffix ".com"— coming up with eccentric names to make websites catchier and easier to remember is the new trend on the Internet.

Icann, the global internet body that creates new web addresses, announced it will be taking applications next year for domain suffixes of almost any word and in any language.

From the current 22 domain endings available, websites ending with the adverb-sounding ".ly", the broadcast-hinting ".tv" or the captivating ".me" are now the hippest choice.

"Businesses always need quirky names that are easy to spell and to remember. If you come up with a more brandable name for your website, then you should go for it," marketing expert Andrew Girdwood from global digital media company bigmouthmedia told Metro.

As Girdwood explains, the downside is that websites ending in .ly — the country code domain for Libya — are designated as formal property of Libya's state-controlled telecommunications corporation, whose status is uncertain due to unrest in the region.

Montenegro has arguably the coolest-sounding ccTLD (country code top-level domain) with .me. Indeed, it has been a real gold mine for a country born only in 2006. According to Hosterstats.com, more than 500,000 .me domains have been registered, so far.

"A great quirky domain can work really well. But I don't envisage most established companies moving their primary web presence away from .com any time soon."
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Yet despite the rise in trendy domain names, old habits die hard, as major online search engines still favour the old-fashioned.

"Dot-tv sounds perfect for a broadcasting company, but for search engine optimization, the dot-com is more popular," Mick Say, an expert at England's Online Marketing Academy, tells Metro.

"If a person is searching the Internet for a service or a global business, Google gives priority to the dot-com extension. It tells the search engine that 'I want to be known internationally as an international business.'"

Brazil. Greenpeace protest

▶ A Greenpeace activist helps a person dressed as a whale covered in oil during a protest at the headquarters of oil company Perenco, yesterday, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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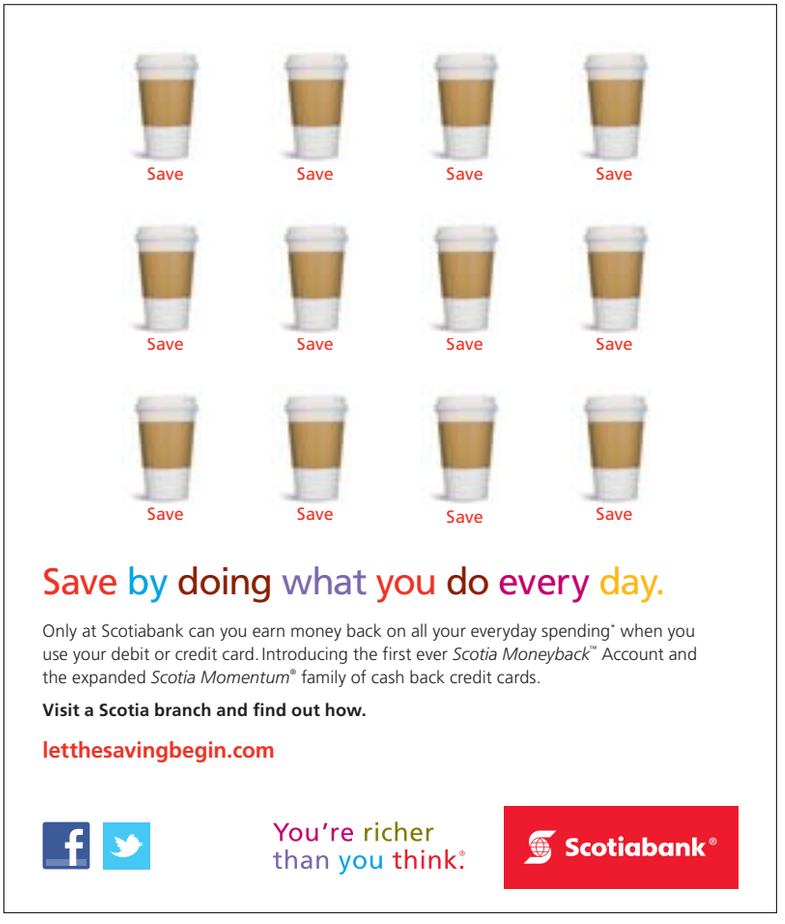
Sticky situation for oil firm

Greenpeace is demanding that Anglo-French oil company Perenco, and other companies, stop their exploration in Abrolhos, a large mating area for humpback whales off the coast of Brazil.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Economy may be stalling

Economists widely expect that the Canadian economy stalled in the second quarter and may have even contracted slightly amid the global economic slowdown.

"It is going to be a hair within positive or negative, but the balance is slightly tilted to the negative," CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said yesterday.

"Either way, it is essentially a flat profile for the economy."

Statistics Canada is expected to report the country's second-quarter gross domestic product results this morning, and a reading that economic growth was slower or even reversed course a little would indicate the economy is still struggling to throw off the effects of the recession.

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Emails to be evidence in Facebook lawsuit

The New York man suing for part ownership of Facebook must give lawyers for the social networking company access to all his emails dating to 2003.

A federal judge yesterday denied Paul Ceglia's request to delay Facebook's access to his emails so he could voice his objections in court. Ceglia's lawyer had made the request in a filing late Monday, hoping to protect Ceglia's privacy.

Ceglia claims he made a deal with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in 2003 that entitles him to half ownership of the $50 billion company.

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Consumer confidence drops in U.S.

A private research group says that American consumers' confidence in the economy in August dropped almost 15 points to its lowest level in two years.

The reading came as worries about the economy fuelled the wildest stock market swings since the financial meltdown in 2008.

The Conference Board says that its consumer confidence index dropped to the lowest level since April 2009.

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Keeping you in the know and on the GO

Starting Saturday, September 3, 2011, there will be changes to some GO Train and Bus services.

01 – LAKESHORE WEST GO TRAIN & BUS

On weekdays there will be two new train trips, some existing train trips will be extended to Aldershot and one to Oakville, the 3:15 p.m. westbound train from Union will now make all stops to Aldershot, and there will be changes to buses that connect with modified trains.

09 – LAKESHORE EAST GO TRAIN & BUS

On weekdays there will be two new train trips, the 3:45 p.m. train from Union will now make all stops to Oshawa, and there will be changes to buses that connect with modified trains.

12 – NIAGARA FALLS GO TRAIN & BUS

There will be one new Friday bus trip, eight new weekend bus trips and some changes to existing trips.

The Niagara Falls GO Train service will end for the summer on September 6 and will operate again over the Thanksgiving long weekend, October 7 to 10.

16 – HAMILTON QEW GO BUS

There will be one new weekday westbound trip and 11 new Friday eastbound trips.

19 – OAKVILLE HWY. 403 GO BUS

The weekday westbound trip that departs Yorkdale at 7:50 a.m. to Square One will now begin at Finch GO Terminal departing at 7:25.

20 – MILTON-OAKVILLE GO BUS

Some changes to trips that connect with the adjusted Lakeshore West trains.

21 – MILTON GO BUS

There are 12 new weekday trips and changes to some existing trips.

31 – GEORGETOWN GO BUS

There are three new trips and changes to some existing trips.

61 – RICHMOND HILL GO BUS

A new weekday southbound trip will depart Richmond Hill GO Station at 5:10 a.m., serve Langstaff GO Station at 5:22, and arrive at Union at 5:50.

A new weekday northbound trip will depart Union at 8:10 p.m., serve Langstaff at 8:35, and arrive in Richmond Hill at 8:55.

65 – BARRIE GO TRAIN & BUS

One new morning and one new afternoon train trip, 12 new bus trips, and changes to existing train and bus trips.

66 – NEWMARKET HWY. 400 GO BUS

There are two new trips and changes to some existing trips.

69 – SUTTON GO BUS

There will be minor adjustments to some weekday trips.

71 – STOUFFVILLE GO BUS

A new weekday southbound trip will depart Mount Joy GO Station at 9:05 a.m., serve Markham GO Station at 9:10, and arrive at Union Station at 9:55.

A new weekday northbound trip will depart Union at 10:20 p.m., serve the Markham, Mount Joy, and Stouffville GO Stations, and arrive in Lincolnville at 11:10.

95 – OSHAWA HWY. 2 EXPRESS GO BUS

There will be minor adjustments to some weekday trips.

SCHOOL SERVICES

Bus service will be increased on these routes for the school year:

- **15 – McMaster University** Sunday and holiday trips between Aldershot and Mac resume
- **25 – Waterloo GO Bus** 33 new trips on weekends and holidays
- **29 – University of Guelph GO Bus** Two new Friday trips
- **46 – Hwy. 407 West GO Bus** On Route 47, between Hamilton and York, we're adding service on Saturdays.These trips and the Sundays and holidays trips will now also serve Yorkdale GO Terminal
- **52 – Hwy. 407 East GO Bus** Buses now serve the Richmond Hill Centre instead of Langstaff GO Station or the stops on Langstaff Rd.
- **88 – Peterborough GO Bus** New trips on Fridays and Sundays to Trent University
- **93 – Durham College-UOIT GO Bus** Express service between Scarborough Town Centre and campus resume

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Vancouver: the world's most liveable city – NOT!

There is no joy in latté land today with the news that the Economist Intelligence Unit has demoted Vancouver, for years the most liveable city atop its list, to third, behind Melbourne and Vienna.

Even worse news? Toronto and Calgary are 4th and 5th, hot on our heels.

Oddly, the stupid Stanley Cup riot played no role in the demotion, although it may hit us where we rank. The reason for this year's demotion: a brief closure of the Malahat Highway due to a tanker spill in April led to a fractional reduction in infrastructure points, enough to allow Melbourne and Vienna to surge ahead.

Melbourne? Wasn't that the place that was hit with devastating floods earlier this year?

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What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half hour trip from Vancouver. I would wager that many of the people who live in Metro Vancouver have no idea where the Malahat Highway is and have never been on it. It's relevant if you live in Victoria, which, like Vancouver, starts with a "V", but that's about it.

So you have to wonder about the Economist Intelligence Unit and its whole World's Most Liveable City project. The problem is there was no wondering when Vancouver was on top of the list. We just sat back, relaxed, and gloated.

Even when it rained 40 days and 40 nights. Even as it took a king's ransom to buy a rundown bungalow in Kerrisdale. Even as we rolled up the tinted windows on the SUV to avoid being tainted by the Downtown East Side. So now it's not going to do us much good to cast aspersions on the intelligence of the Intelligence Unit.

Meanwhile, Toronto and Calgary are flexing their gloating muscles. They can hardly wait for next year's list, when the EIU takes the riot into account. I'm not sure I'll have the strength to carry on if Calgary turns out to be more liveable than Vancouver.

There's one thing I do know. I'd rather live in Toronto, or even (gasp) Calgary than in one of the cities at the bottom of the list, although they say #140: last place Harare, Zimbabwe, is nice this time of year.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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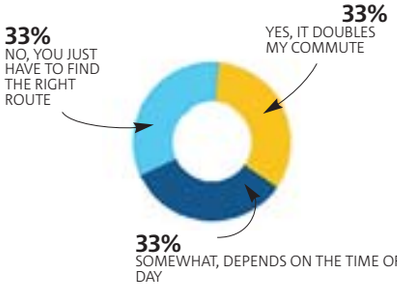

Local tweets

@rickvadams: Doug Ford's monorail plan. What? Are we in Springfield? DOH! Ferris wheel? MegaMall? Jaws dropping indeed!

@thereakbohemian: a monorail along the lake and a ferris wheel? really? I didn't realize that the #toronto harbourfront was Disneyland? :-(

@bluesocksblues: Monorail? Only if we get a Popsicle Stick Skyscraper, Giant Magnifying Glass, and an Escalator to Nowhere first.

@jasegiles: I'm gonna be the best Mono thingy guy there ever was. #monorail

@sarah_millar: Monorail jokes are getting mighty old. Springfield's not the only place with one, they exist elsewhere, too, people.

@jmlynek: It's not the "gravy train". It's the "gravy monorail".

@mattlundy33: The only things missing from Toronto's waterfront, obviously, are a shopping centre and ferris wheel.

Letters

Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent recently announced new regulations for limiting emissions for any new coal-fired power plants that will be built in Canada starting July 2015.

While framed as legislation that Kent claims will act as "the equivalent of taking eight million cars off Canadian roads" this legislation falls drastically short of an effective level of environmental protection for two central reasons: Firstly, the legislation essentially gives existing plants licence to continue to pollute; secondly, it allows Maxim Power to build a new 500-megawatt coal plant in Alberta before the July deadline, thereby escaping the new regulations.

If we are serious about protecting the future of our precious natural resources, as well as that of our children as well as our planet, we need to stop investing in coal power and setting mediocre standards that do more to appease corporate citizenship than Canadian citizens, and we need to do this NOW, before it is truly too late.

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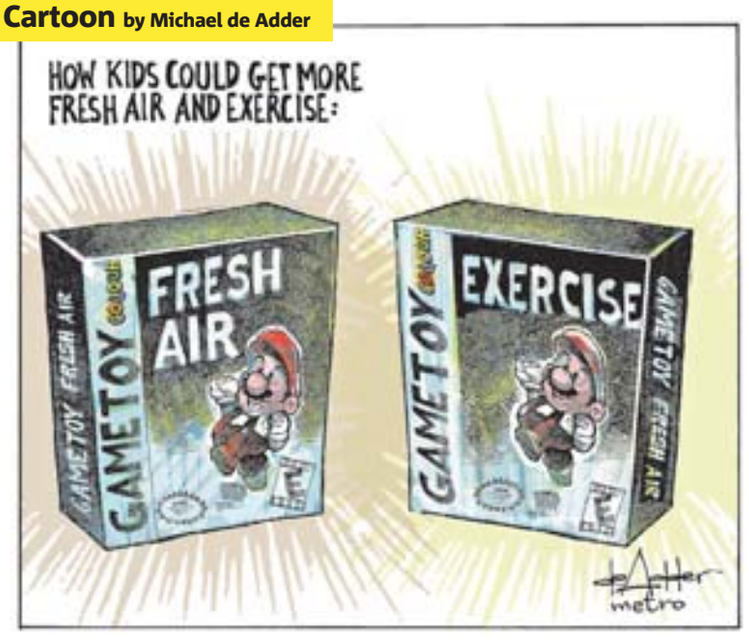

WEIRD NEWS

Snakes on a plane attempt an epic fail

U.S. officials say a man tried to board a flight from Miami to Brazil with bags of exotic snakes and tortoises stuffed in his pants.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Jonathon Allen says the man was stopped after passing through a body scanner at Miami International Airport last week.

Security officials spotted the nylon bags filled with seven snakes and three tortoises hidden in the man's pants.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel newspaper reports the animals were taken by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The unidentified passenger was arrested.

It's not the only time someone has tried to smuggle snakes on a TAM Airlines flight, the paper reported.

In 1996, a woman attempted to sneak 75 live snakes inside her bra in Sweden, according to the Sentinel. And, in 2007, a man tried to smuggle a tiny monkey under his shirt on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, the paper said.

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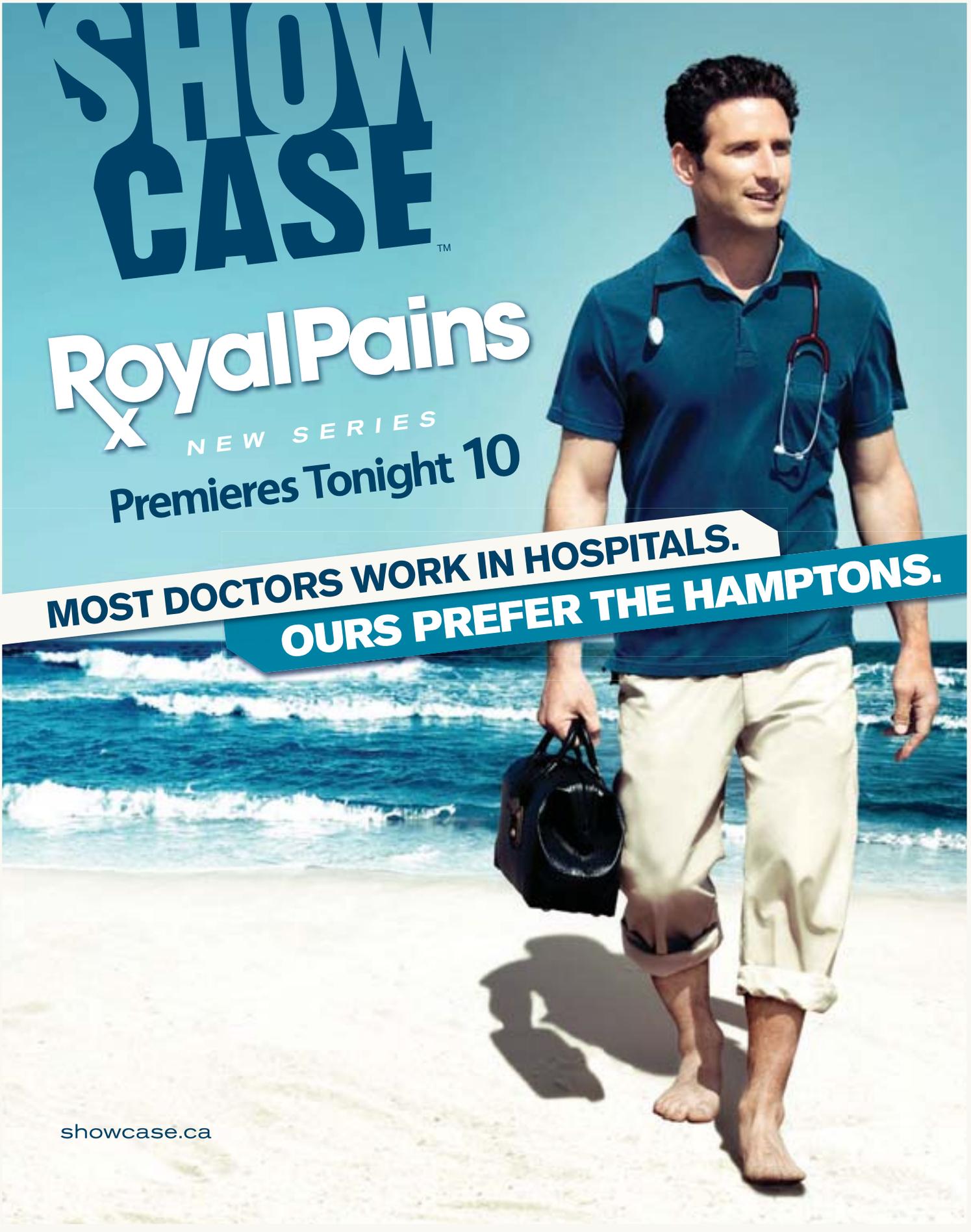
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With summer coming to an end, it's the perfect time for a movie to scare you off the beach
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▶ Alyssa Diaz stars in Shark Night 3D.

Fear of what lurks below

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Metro recently caught up with Shark Night 3D director David Ellis and one of the flick's stars, American Idol runner-up Katharine McPhee, to see what secrets about the film they're willing to spill. As it turns out, not many.

What can you tell us, without giving too much away, about Shark Night 3D?
David Ellis: There's sharks in it (laughs). It's really weird. And a lot of the movie takes place at night.
Katharine McPhee: I'm in it.
DE: Kat's in it.
KM: My character's name is Beth. That's all I know.

David, you're no stranger to genre movies. What's the appeal of them as a filmmaker?
DE: For me, I think it's just fun to be able to entertain people — for them to be able to go an escape from everything crazy that's going on in the world for an hour and a half and go have fun, to kind of scare them and make them laugh and make them cry, and just kind of play with their emotions.
KM: You like making people cry.

How was the Shark Night experience for you, Kat?
KM: Oh, it was so much fun. I love going to set. I love getting up early. I mean, on a regular basis, you will never find me up early, but I love when my alarm goes off and I get to put on my pyjamas and get to set and get my coffee and my food and get in hair and makeup.

I love everything about it, so for me just the whole experience is great. We shot in Shreveport, La., and even though it's not a particularly exotic place, it was gorgeous. And I just love being in new places and feeling like you're starting something new.
DE: I love the free food part. Like, every day when you go to the set and they have all this free food. But what made it so fun for me was that we had an amazing crew and we had a cast that was into it 110 per cent.

Were you afraid of sharks before you made the movie?
KM: I'm one of those people who, especially as a kid, would spend hours in the ocean swimming. I love swimming. But always in the back of my head there was that fear of a shark coming and getting you. I could say that, yeah, this has definitely made it a little bit more of a threat.
DE: For me, I grew up in the ocean as well — my whole life in Malibu — and I'm aware of them, you respect them. But you have a better chance of getting hit by a coconut than getting killed by a shark. But it's a primal fear for people.
KM: It's just not a way you want to go. There's a couple other ways I could think of wanting to go other than sharks.

How creative do you get with the deaths in the movie?
DE: Pretty creative. Each one is different and unique. And what's cool about it is we had so many different types of sharks. We have hammerheads and great white sharks and bull sharks and cookie-cutter sharks...

2 scene

Scene in brief

Canuck star Jason Priestley is set to appear at the Gemini Awards next month. His racy program Call Me Fitz has 16 award nominations. Priestley says he's thrilled to see widespread recognition for his Nova Scotia-based cast and crew and is looking forward to the celebration in Toronto.
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The most famous "found footage" film begins with the words, "In October of 1994, three student filmmakers disappeared into the woods of Burketville, Maryland while shooting a documentary. A year later their footage was found."

Thus began the Blair Witch Project, a movie Roger Ebert called an "extraordinarily effective horror film." He also called it a "celebration of rock bottom production values" for its rough hewn camera style and no-budget scares.

Those are trademarks of found footage style movies. The premise is almost always the same: someone has recovered film left behind by, as Wikipedia says, "missing or dead protagonists," and pieced it together to tell a (usually) horrifying story.

HANDOUT PHOTOS

▶ The Blair Witch Project capitalized on the trend of missing footage later discovered.

This weekend Apollo 18 uses (fictional) found footage from NASA's abandoned Apollo 18 mission to reveal the reason the U.S. has never returned to the moon.

In the wake of Blair Witch, theatres were overflowing with found footage movies, partially because they're cheap to make, and partially because audiences raised on reality TV seemed to respond to them.

Movies like The St. Francisville Experiment, The Last Horror Movie, September Tapes and The Curse tried, most unsuccessfully,

to cash in on the box office bonanza of Blair Witch, but [Rec], a Spanish horror film about a haunted building was the most successful, artistically and financially.

Less successful but interesting is Redacted, a Brian De Palma war film shot through the lens of one of his characters.

De Palma came up with the idea when he was asked by HDNet Films to make a movie for $5 million on HD.

If the Blair Witch Project and Paranormal Activity are the successful of the genre, the most contentious, the most controversial, must be Cannibal Holocaust.

The 1980 fake cannibal footage was so convincing the director was arrested and charged with murder. Police believed several actors had been killed on screen but charges were dropped when the actors showed up at the trial, safe and sound.

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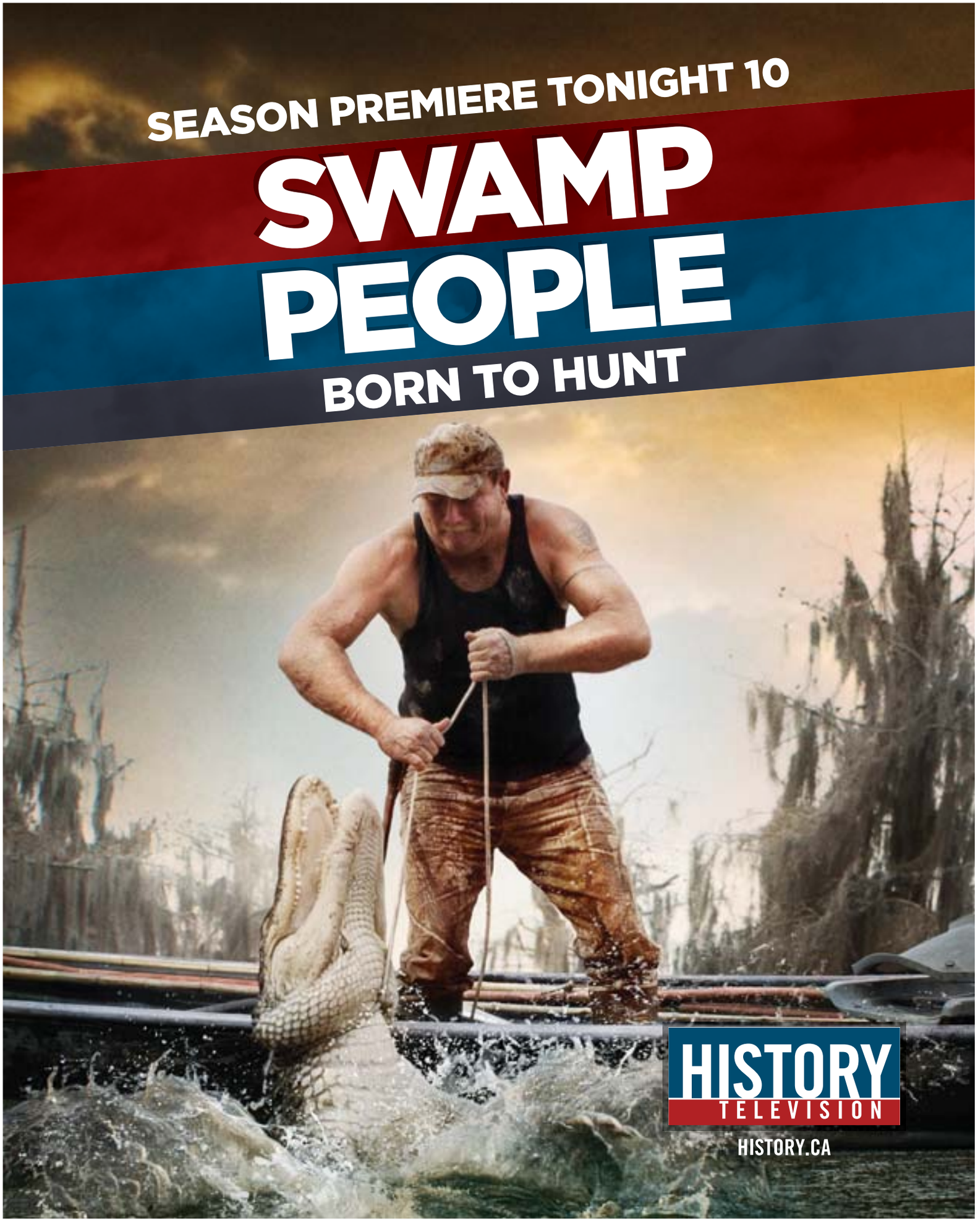
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Clooney flick opens Venice film festival

In all, 66 movies will make their world premiere at the 68th edition of the world's oldest festival

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▶ Man of the hour: Actor George Clooney arrives at the Venice Film Festival, yesterday.

George Clooney's The Ides of March opens a star-studded Venice Film Festival today, and fans will also see two other Hollywood actor/directors, Madonna and Al Pacino, premiering their latest directorial efforts.

Clooney's political drama is among 23 films vying for the coveted Golden Lion, which will be awarded Sept. 10.

The jury will be headed by American director Darren Aronofsky, a two-time Golden Lion winner whose Black Swan was launched to huge Oscar success after opening in Venice last year.

The Ides of March tells the story of an ambitious campaign press secretary, played by Ryan Gosling, who gets swept up in a political scandal in the last frantic days of a heavily contested primary race.

Clooney said the movie was ready to begin filming when Barack Obama was elected U.S. president in 2008.

"Suddenly, a cynical film about politics seemed badly timed. Everyone was too optimistic," Clooney wrote in film notes. "It only took about a year before all the optimism evaporated and the timing seemed perfect."

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Madge movie

One of the most highly-anticipated events at Venice this year is Madonna's second feature film, the U.K. production W.E.

The movie intercuts between the romance of a modern woman and the relationship of American socialite Wallis Simpson and Britain's King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne for love in the 1930s.

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The Debt
Genre: Thriller/Drama
Director: John Madden
Stars: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington and Tom Wilkinson

The Debt is an espionage story with a twist. In 1996 retired Mossad agents Rachel, David and Stefan (Helen Mirren, Ciarán Hinds and Tom Wilkinson) are heroes, acclaimed for their brave capture and execution of a notorious war criminal in 1966. In flashback we meet the same characters played by Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas, and Sam Worthington, learn the personal dynamics of the mission and the key to a long held secret. The flashback sequence makes up the bulk of the film so it's fair to say this isn't Helen Mirren's film, but her character Rachel's. Unusual for a spy movie, the story is told through the eyes of a woman but that adds depth to what is essentially a pulpy spy story.

RICHARD CROUSE

The Debt. Screen times

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NORTH YORK

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(14A) Wed-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:40

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(14A) Wed-Thu 12:35-3:35-7:10

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DURHAM

WHITBY 24
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New cast of Dancing with the Stars revealed

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Nancy Grace

ABC says the 13th season of Dancing with the Stars will feature a mix of actors, athletes and TV personalities. Set to tango and quickstep with professional dance partners will be basketball star Ron Artest; World Cup soccer player Hope Solo; reality stars Robert Kardashian, Kristin Cavallari and Chaz Bono; TV personalities Nancy Grace, Carson Kressley and Ricki Lake; singer-actress Chynna Phillips; actors David Arquette and J.R. Martinez; and Italian actress Elisabetta Canalis, who may be better known in the U.S. for being George Clooney's ex. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Catch up with Liz Lemon and the gang on 30 Rock

Canadian 30 Rock enthusiasts, prepare to set the PVR.

OMNI Television plans to air the first five seasons of the critically heralded comedy series every weeknight beginning Sept. 19.

The network — which is available in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario — says it will air the episodes in consecutive order, starting with Season 1.

30 Rock stars Tina Fey as neurotic variety show producer Liz Lemon and Alec Baldwin as fussy network executive Jack Donaghy.

Other cast members include Tracy Morgan as Tracy Jordan, the unpredictable star of Lemon's hit variety show and Jane Krakowski as self-absorbed actress Jenna Maroney.

Season 6 of the multiple Emmy-winning series debuts mid-season on Citytv and NBC.

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GETTY IMAGES

▶ Tina Fey

Cartoonists to commemorate Sept. 11 with weekend strips

Thought bubbles, witty banter and cartoon characters deal with tragedy

Sept. 11 is etched in the memories of millions, and as the 10th anniversary nears, cartoonists are etching their thoughts about 9-11 into comic strips.

With the anniversary falling on a Sunday, more than 90 cartoonists with five different syndicates have banded together to dedicate their strips on Sept. 11 to those whose lives were lost in the attacks. The strips will appear from the writers and artists of Family Circus, Mallard Fillmore, Candorville, Doonesbury and Pluggers, among others.

Jeff Keane, who co-authors The Family Circus, was immediately sold on the idea.

"Because Family Circus is more of a realistic look at family, and I don't necessarily have a cartoon that is a 'joke a day,' but more sentimental and more emotional, it was easier for me to look at it that way," he said.

Jim Borgman, the co-creator of Zits with Jerry Scott, about a teenager and his parents, called the upcoming anniversary something that cannot be ignored.

"As a cartoonist we would have all been wondering 'Is it OK to deal with this topic in our work?' Of course you can, but there is something comforting about the thought that a bunch of us are going to be struggling to say something on that day," he said.

"My colleagues — cartoonists — are an astonishingly varied and talented group of people. I fully expect we'll see a broad range of approaches that day."

It's not the first time that cartoonists have banded together. Previous efforts have included topics like Earth Day and breast cancer awareness. But the scope of this endeavour is unprecedented, with five syndicates participating.

The comics will be featured in a separate, full-colour pullout section and online the same day at www.cartoonistsremember911.com.

The tone is varied, said Brendan Burford, comics editor at King Features Syndicate, with some taking a sentimental tack, while others may try to make a reader laugh.

Borgman and Scott said theirs will look at the anniversary through teenager Jeremy's eyes.

"Jerry Scott and I tried to think about what Sept. 11, 2001, would mean to a person who is now 16 years old — put aside the fact that Jeremy has been 15 or 16 for 13 years now," he said.

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▶A scene acknowledging 9-11 is shown in the Snuffy Smith comic strip.

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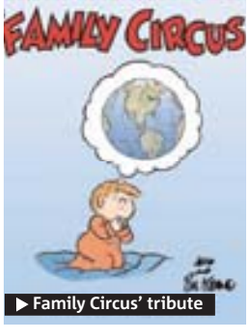

▶ Family Circus' tribute

"They're going to get a million television programs, but this is a unique way of looking at it."

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Jolie: 'I am not pregnant!'

Rumours of secret wedding and another baby en route make headlines

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With all the speculation going around about her family life, Angelina Jolie wants to clear a few things up.

"I'm not pregnant. I'm not adopting at the moment," Jolie tells Vanity Fair, adding that there is no "secret wedding" planned for her and Brad Pitt.

Jolie is more concerned with her directorial debut, In the Land of Blood and Honey, and says that Pitt tried his best to be helpful during the making of the project.

"He'd come in and say what he liked or what he didn't understand," she says. METRO

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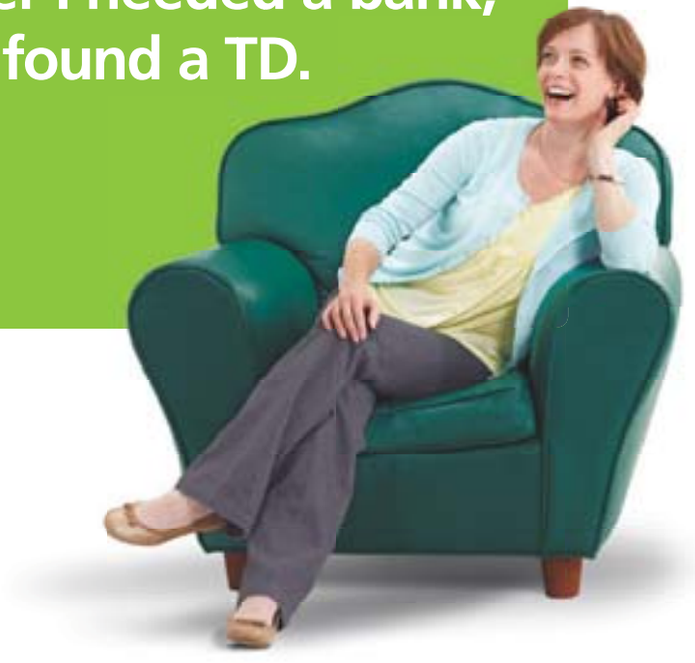

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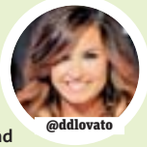

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"Guess what, I'm healthy and happy, and if you're hating on my weight you obviously aren't. "

@lindsaylohan

"@chrisbrown wanna meet?"

@RuPaul

"OMG! Can U imagine if Madonna won Best Director for "W.E."?"

@JimCarrey

"We are plagued by earthquakes tornados and hurricanes lately. Is it the end of times or just God's way of getting rid of the bankers?"

Kate opens up about fire

Kate Winslet is breaking her silence about her harrowing escape from a house fire on Richard Branson's private Caribbean island.

"I'm just glad that everyone is safe," Winslet tells Entertainment Tonight.

She credits her host for his calmness during the ordeal.

"I will never forget Richard placing his arms around both my children as we were watching the flames, and saying, 'At the end of the day, what you realize is that all that matters is the people that you love. Everything else is just stuff. And none of that stuff matters,'" Winslet remembers of her famous host. METRO

Lindsay's bro receives threatening calls

Lindsay Lohan's 15-year-old brother, Cody Lohan, hasn't been having the best summer.

The teen has reportedly been receiving threatening phone calls that were unsettling enough for him to call 911, according to reports from TMZ.

Cody reported to police that the caller was threatening to "harm him," law enforcement sources say.

There was some questions raised about who was watching the teen.

Reports indicated his mother, Dina Lohan, was in Los Angeles after the wedding of socialite Kim Kardashian. METRO

Garfield feared Spiderman fame

The only thing that made Andrew Garfield nearly say no to being the new Spider-Man was the star status that would come with it.

"That was absolutely the one thing I questioned. I thought about it for a month, constantly," he tells the L.A. Times.

"It terrifies me. I just saw that I was given an opportunity to play a part that I've been wanting to play since I was a two-year-old. I don't want the rest of it. The visibility thing was the one thing that deterred me." METRO

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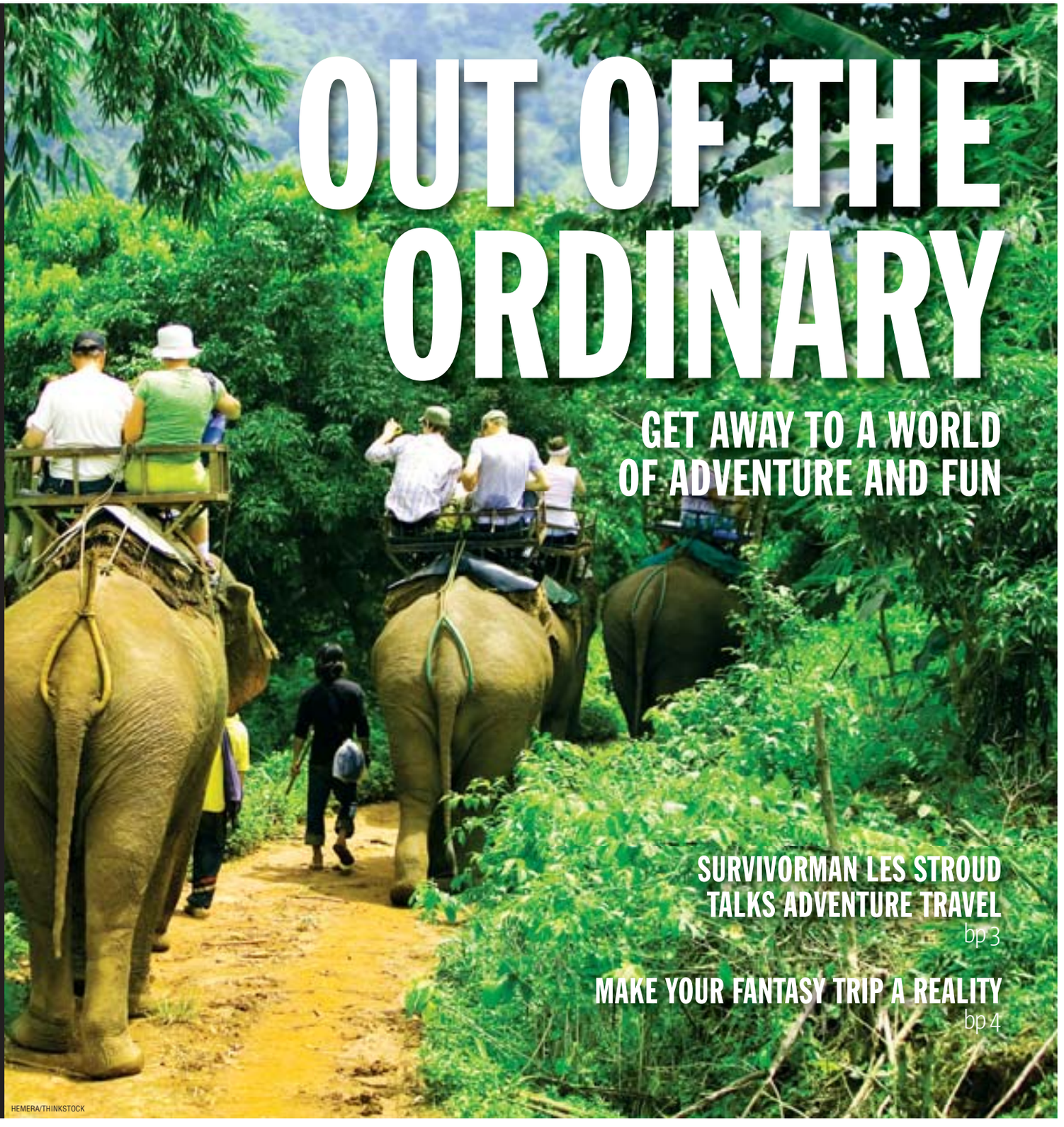

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

GET AWAY TO A WORLD OF ADVENTURE AND FUN

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ADVENTURE TRAVEL TAKES YOU ALL OVER THE WORLD

Deb and Dave on the Mongol Rally in Kazakhstan

And nobody knows it better than Vancouver's Dave Bouskill and Deb Corbeil.

The adventure-seeking couple has spent the past 13 years climbing, paddling and trekking across five continents as "Canada's Adventure Couple" and travel bloggers for The Planet D.com. Metro caught up with them in Russia during the über-challenging Mongol Rally, which goes from England to Mongolia. They are driving a "small, inappropriate car" 15,000 kilometres and are about 1/3 of the way through the epic journey.

"Only half the teams make it to Mongolia and we are going strong so far without any major mechanical failures or even having to pay any bribes," the couple joked during an email interview.

Deb and Dave travel to push themselves beyond their limits. "Climbing to the summit of Kilimanjaro or cycling the continent of Africa makes us feel more alive and content with our lives than at any other moment in time," they said.

HERE ARE SOME OF THEIR SUGGESTED TRIPS AND TIPS:

HIKE THE HIMALAYAS

Deb and Dave hiked to the Everest Base Camp and were blown away by its immensity. "Walking in the footsteps of Sir Edmond Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa made us feel as if we were a part of history."

WHEN IN THAILAND…

"A super way to experience a great adventure is to try something unique to the country you are travelling to," they said. Last year, they trained in Muay Thai Kickboxing in Thailand. "It was an amazing way to learn about a sport that is ingrained in the Thai culture."

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GREAT ESCAPES

THEIR MOTTO: "ANYONE CAN DO IT"

"What we love about travel is that anything can be an adventure." For Deb and Dave, a great part of the adventure is finding creative ways to pay for their journeys. Right now, they're using their new Gold Rewards Card to rack up travel points as they drive to Mongolia. *– By Jon Tattrie*

Follow the adventure at **theplanetd.com** and on Twitter at **@theplanetd**

GIVING BACK

Travel can provide a great opportunity to give back while experiencing a new culture, whether it's building schools in Ecuador, saving turtles in Costa Rica or teaching in China.

The American Express Canada Room for Thought program will give Canadians the opportunity to turn their ideas around "giving back" into reality, whether at home or abroad.

The winning idea will be an innovative solution, says Craig Kielburger, a mentor for the Room for Thought program's Community category and co-founder of Free the Children and Me to We, two organizations that provide people with the opportunity to travel to developing countries and give back through volunteering.

For more information about Room for Thought, visit Facebook.com/AmericanExpressCanada.

WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?

American Express Canada has launched Room for Thought, a program that will help three lucky contest winners turn their big ideas into reality through mentorship and support. There are three entry categories — travel and adventure, community, and music. The person with the best idea in each category will work with special mentors of the program — Survivorman Les Stroud, Marc and Craig Kielburger, co-founders of Free the Children and Me to We, and musician Emily Haines — to develop the idea and make it come to life. To vote for finalists' ideas, visit **Facebook.com/AmericanExpressCanada** from Sept. 14-28. The winning ideas will be showcased in November at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto.

INTO THE WILD

LES STROUD TAKES TRAVEL TO THE EXTREME

Over three seasons of the hit television series Survivorman, Canadian survival expert Les Stroud used his knowledge and skills to survive for up to seven days, alone in remote locations across the globe.

SO WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE SURVIVORMAN?

"It's 40 years of life experience and learning different things," says Stroud, who started off in the entertainment business and believes his success is due to a mixture of skills. This year, Stroud is also a mentor in the Room for Thought program, where he will lend his survivor expertise to reaching other types of goals, specifically bringing a great idea to fruition.

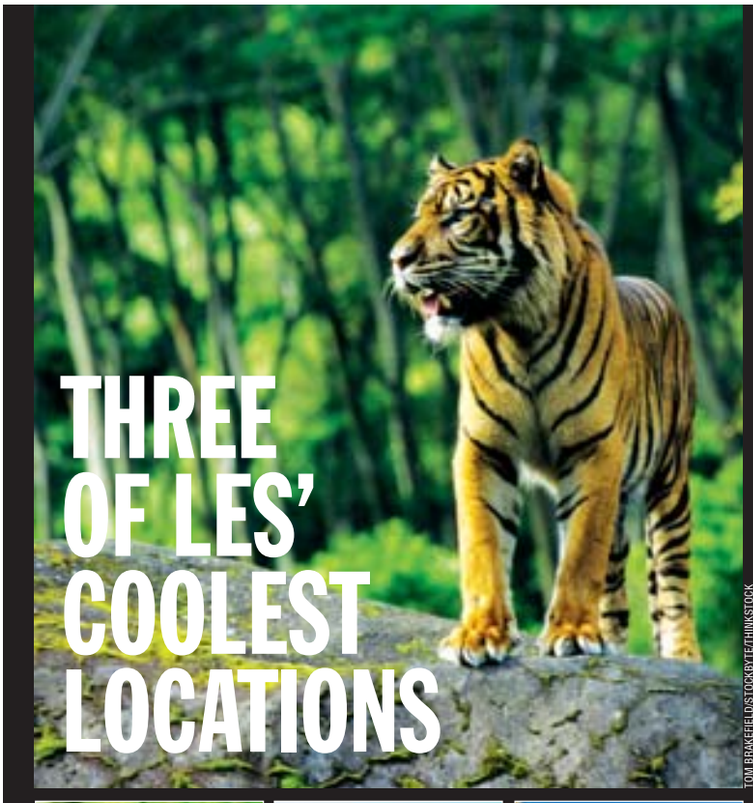
For many, adventure travel leads to rich, unforgettable experiences with positive life lessons. One of the most memorable experiences in Stroud's career was participating in a tribal ceremony. "It was my time in Indonesia with the shamans in the middle of the jungle, the Mentawai, and being tattooed with a rusty nail. Ironically and coincidentally, it was the final show, but it really stood out for me, it was a very special moment."

Contemplating your own extreme vacation? Learn some survival skills, says Stroud, and that starts with a bit of research and planning.

"You want to have a guide and then second to that, you want to make sure that you've got a reputable guide," says Stroud, who recommends that you organize your transportation before you get on the ground. "When you get into remote places transportation is tricky, especially the timings of things."

Stroud has come to know the importance of planning ahead and being prepared at home and abroad. "I like to be able to go into a remote situation with my crew and know that if nothing was there and no one was there to help us, we're self-contained for at least a week."

– By Duncan McAllister



THREE OF LES' COOLEST LOCATIONS

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1 INDONESIA
This tropical location is one of the largest and most biodiverse jungle areas in the world and home to the Mentawai shamans.

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2 THE KALAHARI DESERT
A challenging location for the survival traveller, with its extreme hot and cold conditions, this arid plateau is located in southern Africa.

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3 PERU
Explore the Andes mountain range, with its myriad species of plants and animals and home of the last of the Incas.

WHAT HAPPENS IF...

Travelling abroad and can't find your card? "Have a good look, but then trust your instinct and report it missing," advises Marc Hollenberg, vice president of Customer Experience at American Express. If someone else starts shopping on your cancelled plastic, American Express immediately credits unauthorized charges back to you, even before investigating.

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HOLLENBERG'S TIPS

- Buy medical travel insurance or ensure that your card company provides it.
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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

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ALWAYS WANTED TO DO A HIKING TOUR OF ITALY?

While it's fun to dream about what these once-in-a-lifetime trips would look like, making them happen can be challenging. Here's how to make your fantasy trip a reality.

READY
NAIL DOWN THE BASICS FIRST

This includes deciding as what region of the world you want to visit. "And you have to figure out whether you're going for three weeks or three months," says Sean Shannon, managing director of Expedia Canada. "For a lot of the upfront planning, you have to figure out who you are. Otherwise you'll spin your wheels a lot."

Maybe plan a trip around a past time. "Hobbies can help 'focus' your holiday and meet like-minded people in a unique setting — if you've tried rock climbing and gotten hooked, travel to Railay Peninsula in Thailand for instruction in paradise," says Toronto-based Leslie McNab, who spent more than two years travelling Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia.

Start saving for your trip well before you plan to go... you can save money and you can also collect air miles. With the American Express AIR MILES Credit Card, for example, you collect reward miles when you make card purchases with air miles sponsors, and there are lots of bonus miles available too.

SET
BUYING A TICKET

Doing this in advance forces you to save, says Vawn Himmelsbach, Toronto-based co-founder of chicsavvytravels.com. "I once booked a one-way ticket to Southeast Asia a year in advance," she says. "To save, I figured out how much it would cost to buy a car, then put that money aside in a travel savings account instead."

Once you know what you want to spend on accommodation, double that for your daily budget, or triple it if your trip's purpose is experiencing food, alcohol and shopping.

GO
CAN'T FIND SOMEONE TO GO WITH?

"Don't wait to find a travel partner, or you may never go," says Himmelsbach. "Some adventure or niche travel companies offer trips specifically for solo travellers, so they book transport and accommodation for you."

And leave some room in your plan once you arrive. "Over-planning doesn't leave any room for spontaneous encounters," says Himmelsbach. "For me that was being an extra in a Thai mini-series with a famous Muay Thai boxer.
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Prepare for a scare at Halifax haunts

Ghost stories and sightings abound at Halifax's most popular tourist sites

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▶ Visitors claim to have seen ghosts in the garrison cells at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

With its long history of disasters and shipwrecks, there is an air of tragedy that hangs over Halifax, not unlike the dense fog that often rolls in from its harbour.

One of Halifax's most infamous spooky sites is the Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill, perched on the bustling corner of Carmichael and Argyle Streets. Having once served as a mortuary, it's perhaps not surprising that the 194-year-old structure is equally known for its hauntings as well as its halibut.

The four-storey, brick-and-wood building opened in 1816 as a schoolhouse and was eventually taken over by a local family and turned into a funeral home.

It became the last stop of sorts for victims of two significant disasters of the 20th century — the sinking of the Titanic off Newfoundland in April 1912 and the Halifax Explosion of 1917. The explosion occurred when a supply vessel and a munitions ship collided in the harbour, killing 2,000 people and leaving some 9,000 injured.

Shane Robilliard, the Five Fishermen's general manager, says tales of cutlery moving on its own, disembodied voices and shadowy figures have actually been good for business.

"People dine at the Five Fishermen to experience something or to be a part of the history of this building," he says.

More eerie experiences await just up Carmichael Street at one of the city's most recognizable sites, the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

The British fort, completed in 1856, offers 90-minute tours exploring every dark nook and cranny where the ghosts of former soldiers are said to lurk.

Hal Thompson, the site's visitor experience officer, remembers one visitor to the site who said she spied a uniformed man enter a room and seemingly vanish. The woman was unaware of the site's ghostly reputation and wanted to know how the man — whom she presumed to be a staff member — managed to leave undetected from a room with only one exit.

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If you go ...

- **Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill**
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- **Tattle Tours of Nova Scotia**
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- **The Halifax Ghost Walk**
  thehalifaxghostwalk.com

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Travel briefs

A series of guided fall hikes along Ontario's Bruce Trail will explore the geology of the Niagara Escarpment. Seven locations on the trail are highlighted, including Waterdown, the Credit River valley, the Nottawasaga Bluffs and the Bruce Peninsula on Georgian Bay. Dubbed "Geology 101 on Foot," the walks are a fundraising project to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

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An island to call home

As the summer season draws to a close, now is the time to visit Nantucket if you like a more laid-back vibe

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Though Nantucket swells to about five times its year-round population during the summer season, it is possible to find areas on the island that make it feel like you're the only one there. Or for a truly exclusive feeling, you could wait a few weeks for what the islanders call the "shoulder season," the very happy medium between the crowded peak and their desolate winters.

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▶ Sankaty lighthouse is located on the eastern shore of Nantucket.

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▶ Artist Tom Deininger takes junk and repurposes it into works of art.

Don't miss this!
If you visit the island before the end of the month, you need to see artist Tom Deininger's display at the Gallery at Four India. This self-portrait does not do justice to the genius of this Rhode Island-based artist. See, this is not a painting. This is a carefully assembled three-dimensional hodge podge of baby dolls, sneakers, cassette tapes and discarded electronics. Amazing!

See
Speaking of unexpected, the Nantucket Whaling Museum has taken what could have been an embarrassing relic of a cruel and outdated economic engine and turned it into an informative and entertaining experience. The island has come to terms with its whaling past and details it with multimedia presentations, weapon demonstrations and lively live narration about how before the island transitioned into tourism, it was for a brief time the centre of the world. This is all done underneath a gigantic whale skeleton.

Stay
If you can get into one of the 12 rooms at the Union Street Inn, they can turn you into an island insider within a day. The innkeepers supply guests with self-guided walking tours and learned conversation that will make you feel like you're on a first-name basis with anyone who owns a local business. Plus, their breakfast menu shows that running a truly exceptional bed and breakfast depends on paying attention to both B's.

Eat
While we're on the topic of delicious food, American Seasons is a comfortably funky eatery a few blocks away from the cobblestone hustle and bustle. Those in the know take the extra walk to delight in chef Michael LaScola's artistic menu choices. We can't recommend enough the Crispy Pork Belly and Seared Octopus on a bed of homemade kimchee. If you like their pig, you may want to go to the island on the second week in October for their Hogtoberfest. Another top choice for dining is Corazon del Mar with Mexican cuisine so authentic that it may finally dispel the myths of the island as a lily-white enclave.

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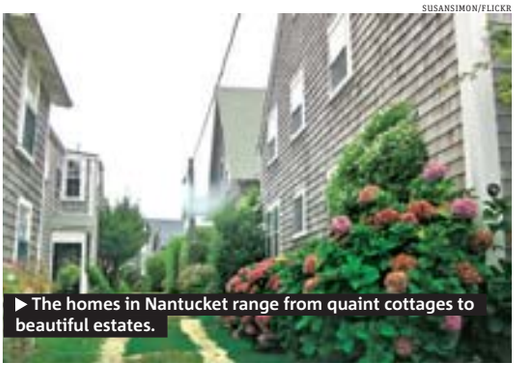

▶ The homes in Nantucket range from quaint cottages to beautiful estates.

Experience
If there is any part of your journey to Nantucket that is a "how the other half live" exploration, then you need to do the 20-minute bluff walk in Siasconset. Stretching along the elbow of the island, the path literally takes you through the backyards of some of the most beautiful homes on the island, preceded by the quintessentially quaint Nantucket cottages on Front Street.

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▶ Homes on Siasconet Beach.

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Jamaica has a Dogsled team

Farm near Ocho Rios offers visitors the chance to take a dogsled ride in an unlikely locale Founder inspired by dry-land sleds he saw in Alberta

HANDOUT

▶ A musher takes tourists for a dogsled ride through the Jamaican countryside.

You can find a perfect example of the Jamaican spirit in an unexpected place: the Chukka Cove Farm, home to the 30 or so mutts that comprise the Jamaican dogsled team.

"It's about the can-do attitude of Jamaicans," says founder Danny Melville, 64, as he rattles off several other examples of Jamaicans' determination, including reggae music and the beloved Olympic bobsled team.

Located near Ocho Rios, in St. Ann Parish, his Chukka farm offers visitors an opportunity to ride on a dry-land sled pulled by 15 dogs, all of them strays that Chukka has adopted. It's one of several thrill rides offered by Chukka Caribbean Adventures.

Melville, who lives in Toronto, was first drawn to the concept when he spotted a dry-land sled while shopping for dune buggies in Alberta.

He thought a dogsled tour would be a great addition to Chukka's dozens of other offerings, which include everything from flying through the trees on a zipline and riding an ATV into the mountains to taking a pilgrimage on the Zion Bus Line through musical history to Bob Marley's birthplace.

You can even go swimming in the ocean on horseback, a signature tour that Melville says he pioneered himself nearly three decades ago.

It was a challenge for Melville, who had only ever seen sled dogs on television, to put together the team.

"You're getting a bunch of dogs off the street and they're kind of looking at you like, 'What do you mean, pull?' What is this all about?'" says Melville.

Visitors who take the tour will get to meet and greet the dogs before the ride.

They'll also get to experience the only dogsled museum south of the Arctic Circle before the thrilling ride.

"When we hook up 15 or 16 dogs to that sled, you fly," says Melville.

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▶ Chukka Cove Farm also offers ocean swimming on horseback.

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THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA AUGUST 27, 2011

The kids saw the steps up to the Great Wall and took off running. We'd taken a cable car most of the way so we were all working with fresh legs but as usual they were miles ahead. When Ish and I reached the top minutes later they were standing together, one hand on the shoulder of the other, neither saying a word, looking out over the wall that seemed to go on forever.

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Maine attraction

Three top-notch art shows arrive in museums in Maine this fall It's a perfect getaway for art lovers

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An exhibit of Edward Hopper's paintings of Maine is breaking attendance records at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art in Brunswick, but it's just one of three top-notch shows at museums around Maine this summer and fall.

Combine a trip to see all three — the others are an Andrew Wyeth show at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland and a 1930s photography exhibit at Colby College in Waterville — with shopping in Freeport, the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, leaf-peeping, dining and maybe a trip to a spa, and you have an ideal itinerary for a September getaway.

In Maine and many other places, leisure travel takes on a more grown-up flavour after the kids are back to school. The Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens not surprisingly gets more visitors age 55 and up after Labour Day, especially on weekdays, but September is also a lush time of year to see the garden. Perennials have had the whole season to grow, flowers stay in bloom through early fall, and the trees start to take on colour. Follow a visit to the garden with a lobster lunch in Boothbay Harbor for a perfect day.

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Time after time

Toronto has loads of great attractions that are fun and free
Find out about some of the city's interesting history

Marta O'Brien, who organizes historic walks (www.citiwalks.ca), designed this historic walking tour of old Toronto. It includes sites on the edge of the original Town of York, which was founded in 1793.

TEXT BY PAULINE ANDERSON AND YLVA VAN BUUREN

A quick history lesson

- In the 17th century, the Toronto area was home to a number of First Nations groups who lived on the shore of Lake Ontario.
- The first permanent European presence was French trading Fort Rouillé, which was established in 1750.
- The first large influx of Europeans was by United Empire Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution.
- In 1793, Toronto, then known as York, was named capital of the new colony of Upper Canada.
- York was the site of a major battle during the War of 1812 and was incorporated and renamed Toronto in 1834.
- The city steadily grew during the 19th century and today Toronto is Canada's largest city.

Stop No. 1

The Old Post Office at Adelaide Street, just east of George

Why it's special
This was the first post office in the City of Toronto, dated 1828. The plain red brick building was also the home of postmaster James Scott Howard (postmasters often resided where they worked back then). It was restored in the late 1970s following a fire.

Neat details
The post office is still operational… you can sit in the reading room and write a letter with a feather dipped in ink.

Stop No. 2

St. Lawrence Hall at King Street, just west of Jarvis

Why it's special
Built in 1850, politicians would gather in the stunning wood-paneled rooms of St. Lawrence Hall. Sir John A. McDonald (Canada's first prime minister) no doubt, held their interest many times.

Neat details
Socialites in their finery danced in the third floor Grand Ballroom.

Stop No. 3

St. James Cathedral, north side of King Street, east of Church

Why it's special
Towering 93 metres, this majestic Anglican Church has the tallest church spire in Canada.

Neat details

The body of the church was erected in 1853 but because of financing difficulties, it wasn't until almost 20 years later that the tower, spire, pinnacles and porches were added. This is where members of the royal family worship when they're in Toronto (the Queen was there last summer!)

Stop No. 4

'Flat Iron' building, corner of Front Street and Wellington

Why it's special
Circa 1892, this is one of the most eye-catching buildings in the city. It is nicknamed 'flat iron' because its shape is reminiscent of an old heavy flat iron.

Neat details
The official name is the Gooderham building (named after the man who took over the Gooderham and Worts distillery). The structure itself has a sandstone base, red brick and terra cotta ornamental trim, a copper roof, and curved windows.

Stop No. 5

SUBMITTED BY MARTA O'BRIEN

St. Lawrence Market, Front Street and Jarvis

Why it's special
The market building on the south side of Front is 200 years old and originally housed Toronto City Hall. Today, it's probably the biggest market in the city with over 120 shops and vendors.

Neat details
Toronto's original City Hall was incorporated into the south market. The second floor Market Gallery was once the city's Council Chamber with lovely arched windows as well as the old mayor's chair.

Editor's pick

Old Fort York

TORSTAR

The settlement of modern Toronto actually began in 1793 when Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe built a garrison on the present site of Fort York. The fort was destroyed by U.S. forces in 1813, and in the brief U.S. occupation that followed, the town was subjected to much looting and arson.
Today, the fort is a historic museum complete with musket, drill and music demonstrations. Check fortyork.ca. Admission: Adults: $7.62; seniors and children 13 and older: $3.81; children 12 and under: $2.86. Hours (until Sept. 5 inclusive): Monday to Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Address: 100 Garrison Road. Take the 511 streetcar south from Bathurst subway station. There is a foot bridge connecting Bathurst Street to the fort's eastern gate.

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS

The Distillery District

A whiskey distillery district in the 1800s, the Victorian-era industrial buildings now house artsy galleries, boutiques and cafes. It's a great spot to wander.
Take the King streetcar to Parliament and walk south.
thedistillerydistrict.com

Mackenzie House

This charming gallery is a recreated 1850s print shop... it was once the home of Toronto's famous first mayor William Lyon Mackenzie and the rumour is that it's haunted. Direction: 82 Bond Street (near Dundas and Yonge). Adults: $5.71, seniors and youth to age 18: $2.62, children (5-12 yrs.): $2.38, children 4 and under free. Hours to Labour Day: Tues.–Sun., noon-5 p.m.
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Drink of the week

Mango Smoothie

This refreshing drink makes a perfect after-school snack for the little ones. It contains healthy ingredients such as milk, mango and fresh ginger.

- Flesh of 1 large ripe mango, chopped
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) fresh ginger, grated
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) milk, chilled
- 250 ml (1 cup) ice

In a blender, puree the peeled and chopped mango, ginger and orange juice concentrate together until the mixture is smooth. Add milk and ice and blend again.
This recipe makes 500 ml (2 cups).

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Let your creative side shine with their lunches

Believe it or not, school lunches can consist of a lot more than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a juice box Leftovers and deconstructing meals are great places to start

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This Cold Ham and Cheese Casserole takes 10 minutes to make.

Getting creative with kids' lunches can be a bit of a minefield. It can be hard enough to get them to embrace new foods at home, never mind when they are surrounded by friends at school.

But that doesn't mean you can't break free of the same old sandwich routine. It's just a matter of using foods already in your children's comfort zone, but working with them in new and creative ways.

Leftovers are a great place to start (assuming they were well received the first time around). Plenty of thick stews and chilies can be repurposed as chilled fillings for wraps, especially when topped with shredded cheese. Ditto for salads, including the pasta and potato varieties.

Or consider deconstructing something, such as pasta salad. Put it back together in a way that's fun for kids, as we did for the tortellini veggie skewers. Also, breakfast is great for the beginning of the day and makes a fun supper, so why not consider it for lunch too?

Cold Ham and Cheese Casserole

This "casserole" is a great way to use up leftovers. Feel free to play with the ingredients. Chicken, steak and even chopped leftover hamburgers are fine substitutes for the ham.

Ingredients:

- 5 ml (1 tsp) mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) low-fat mayonnaise
- 5 ml (1 tsp) apple cider vinegar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cooked rice (white or brown)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cubed cooked ham
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) shredded cheddar
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced, to garnish

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, stir together mustard, mayonnaise and vinegar. Add rice, ham and cheddar, then mix well.

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Tortellini Veggie Skewers

Preparation:

1. Cut yellow pepper into 6 strips. Using each pepper strip as a skewer, push 2 tortellini onto each strip.
2. Use a paring knife to poke a hole into the top of each cherry tomato and cap end of each pepper strip with a tomato and an olive. Cut slices of turkey and provolone into 6 long strips, then wrap one of each around skewers. Serve skewers with a side of your child's favourite salad dressing.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 yellow bell pepper
- 12 cooked tortellini
- 6 whole black olives
- 6 cherry tomatoes
- 1 slice deli turkey
- 1 slice provolone cheese

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▶ Makes six to eight servings.

Take advantage of the summer's bounty of berries and other fruits to make this beautiful pie. Raspberries, ever-bearing strawberries, blueberries and others will star in this luscious dessert to serve family and friends.

Preparation:

1. Prepare and bake pie shell according to package directions for a baked pie shell. Set aside to cool
2. In a medium heatproof bowl, whisk egg yolks, sugar and flour.
3. In a saucepan, heat milk until almost boiling. Remove from heat; add to egg mixture, 50 ml (1/4 cup) at a time, whisking continuously until all milk has been added. Return egg-milk mixture to saucepan, add vanilla and cook over medium-low heat, whisking continuously, until custard has thickened to a consistency similar to pudding, 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Place plastic wrap directly onto surface of custard.
5. Spoon cold custard into baked pie shell and top with sliced fruit. Before serving, sprinkle with a dusting of icing sugar. Serve the same day of making. Refrigerate any leftovers.

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Ingredients:

- 1 deep-dish frozen pie shell
- 2 egg yolks
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) flour
- 250 ml (1 cup) whole milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla extract
- Assorted berries and sliced kiwi
- Icing sugar, for garnish

Nectarine and Plum Crisp

▶ This recipe makes eight to 10 servings.

Fresh, locally grown plums and nectarines give this fruit crisp a fabulous twist. The dessert is quick and easy to prepare and will leave a lasting impression on friends and family.

Preparation:

1. Filling: In a large bowl, place nectarines, plums, sugar, flour and cinnamon; toss to coat. Transfer fruit mixture to a lightly greased 20-by-28-cm (8-by-11-inch) glass baking dish.
2. Topping: In a separate large bowl, combine flour, rolled oats, sugar, cinnamon, salt and butter. Using fingertips, work butter into mixture until combined and coarse crumbs are formed. Sprinkle over fruit and bake in a 180 C (350 F) oven for 45 to 50 minutes.
3. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

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Ingredients:

Filling
- 500 ml (2 cups) pitted and sliced nectarines or peaches
- 500 ml (2 cups) pitted and sliced plums
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) granulated sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) cinnamon or nutmeg

Topping
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) rolled oats
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Balance needs versus wants Make a list of "needs" and agree that kids will get a few "wants" met. Allocate a set dollar amount they are free to spend.

Set the budget before you go shopping Before you venture into a store set a non-negotiable budget. This is not just for their purposes but also to keep parents from caving in.

Make a detailed list before you hit the stores We know not to go grocery shopping when hungry and the same rule applies for back-to-school shopping. There are many purchase temptations to abstain from, even for the strong-willed.

Set the budget for extracurricular activities before you sign up Set a budget per child that covers lessons, equipment and other hidden costs, then engage in a conversation with the kids and the other parent to ensure you are not doubling up on activities or creating a conflicting schedule.

Empower your kids financially Allot an allowance for extra purchases and one for necessities to engage kids in responsible budgeting and shopping at an early age.

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STUDENT VOICE

ERIN HAYES
TALENTEGG.CA

As a second-year business student tired of spending my summers working in retail, I jumped at the opportunity to enrol in the co-operative education option (co-op) offered at my school.

I joined co-op under the impression that I would easily be able to secure meaningful summer employment, but I quickly discovered this was not the case.

I applied to countless jobs and had no difficulty getting interviews; my problem lay in receiving an actual job offer.

I left each interview feeling as if it had gone well, only to be informed a few days later that I had not been chosen as the successful candidate for the job. And I was not alone. Several of my fellow classmates were experiencing the exact same dilemma.

Erin Hayes

As a well-qualified applicant, this frustrating process led me to wonder which students were being selected for these jobs. It turned out that students with more experience and education, such as third and fourth years and graduates with whom I could not compete, were getting those offers.

Employers shouldn't overlook the applications of promising young students simply because they lack experience.

Students who actively achieve and aim to improve themselves should be given fair consideration from employers; these students should not be automatically placed on the back burner to more senior and experienced applicants.

To compete with more experienced applicants, younger students should take advantage of the many opportunities offered by universities, such as volunteering, conferences and competitions.

By making an effort to get involved, students can develop relevant skills to their field of study, as well as establish relationships and build their professional network. When participating in extra-curricular activities, you never know what opportunities will present themselves or who you might meet.

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Where Erin is now

I had nearly resorted to handing out resumés at the local mall when an opportunity arose.

I was contacted by a professional I had met during a networking event hosted by a student society I belonged to. My professor had spoken with this individual and requested that they consider me for a job before formally posting the position, and following the interview I was fortunate enough to receive a job offer.

My story has proven that although what you know is undoubtedly the most important, who you know can't hurt.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Erin's experience:

- Becoming involved within your school through student groups, conferences and competitions is a great way to develop career-related skills and build your resumé.
- Get to know your professors and attend as many on-campus networking events as you can. Although relevant skills and a strong GPA are important, my story highlights that who you know is often equally as important.

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Young scholars are breaking the cycle

Having a parent with a degree is not the steadfast predictor of post-secondary success it once was

A recent Statistics Canada study has found that people whose parents didn't graduate from university are nearly twice as likely to get a degree today than they were more than two decades ago.

The study revealed that in 2009, 23 per cent of people whose parents didn't get a university education held a degree, up from 12 per cent in 1986.

The 2009 General Social Survey attributes the shrinking disparity in university completion by family background to women.

In 1986, only 10 per cent of women whose parents were not university graduates held a degree. By 2009, that proportion nearly tripled to 28 per cent.

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But Martin Turcotte, a senior analyst at Statistics Canada who authored the study, said there was a significant increase in the number of women with highly educated parents who got degrees, too.

"Really the fact that more women from all types of families get degrees contributed a lot to the decreasing gap," said Turcotte.

Despite the increase there's still a sizable difference between the two groups, with a person whose parents hold a degree much more likely to complete university.

"The gap is still important," said Turcotte. "People with parents who have a university education are twice as likely to get the degree themselves, compared to other people."

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Should the axe fall and your job get severed, career counsellors warn, you'll have to get by with a little help from your friends.

Except, big problem: If you're like the average laid off employee, your friends will all be left behind in that same burning building.

That's why career counsellors recommend you foster industry friendships far beyond the block where you work, while you're still working.

"It's much easier to have that network ready in place when you need it than to try to scramble and connect the people at the last minute," About.com jobseekers' guru Alison Doyle cautions. "Then all of a sudden you're begging people."

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▶ Who you gonna call?

And that, she explains, is what you'd least like to be doing: scrounging strangers for jobs.

Instead, agrees Connecting With Success author Kathleen Barton, your network should be in constant development, a regular exchange of favours and tips.

"It's about building mutually beneficial relationships, where you're not always asking for help when you're contacting them," she says. "Maybe you're giving updates, or finding out how they're doing, or how you can support them."

Or maybe you're just calling to say howdy — one friendly lunch hour phone call at a time.

Find The Little Reasons

Great networking, Barton offers, is about seizing those little excuses to reach out to a mere acquaintance.

"There are so many creative ways you can do that," she says. Holidays help — and not just the passé ones like Christmas and birthdays. Think Halloween, she suggests.

"Rather than Christmas, when everybody gets cards, I send Thanksgiving cards to let them know I'm thinking about them," she adds.

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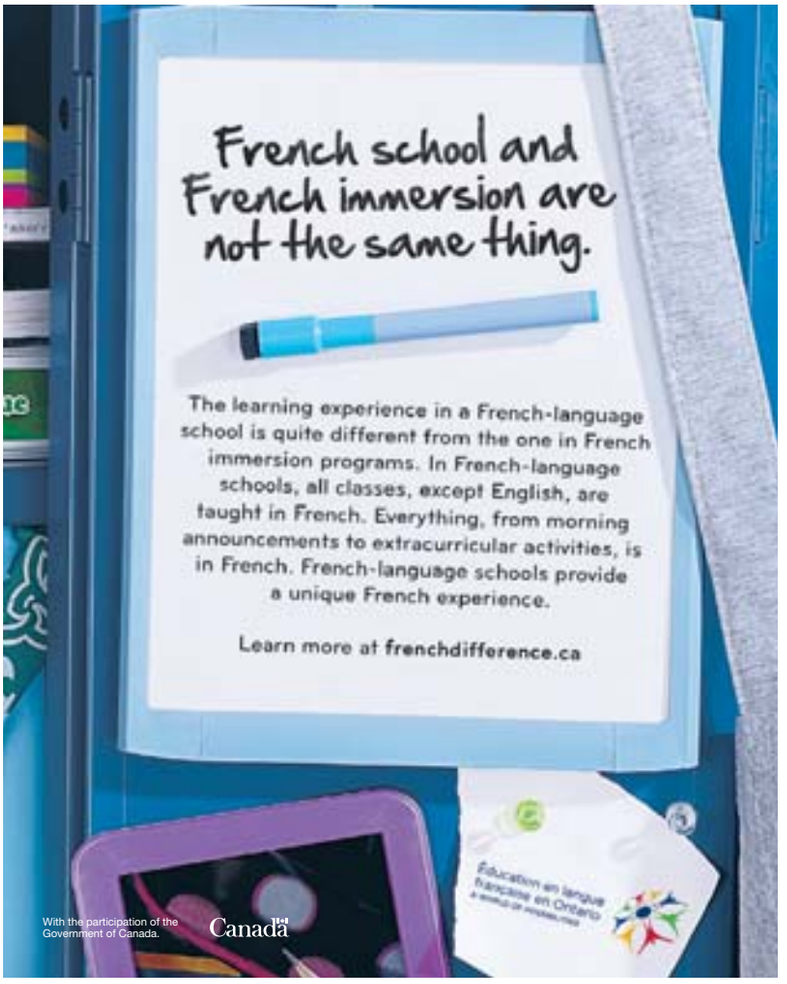
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Lombardi free of concussion symptoms

Leafs centre Matthew Lombardi has been declared free of concussion symptoms, but might still miss the start of training camp, says GM Brian Burke.

"He is cleared for full activity on the bike," Burke said in a phone interview. "The last report I got he was doing 20-plus minutes without symptoms. He has been declared symptom-free and now it's about getting the workload back up."

The Leafs knew full well when they acquired him and defenceman Cody Franson from Nashville that Lombardi had a concussion. He played only two games last season and the Leafs are hoping the centre can return to form, but won't rush him.

With concussions, teams know there are no guarantees. Penguins star Sidney Crosby had advanced further than Lombardi — skating at about 90 per cent — but recently is reported to have suffered a setback.

"I don't believe he will be there for the first day of training camp," said Burke. "He may, but it's not clear he will. But we're very pleased with his progress."

A healthy Lombardi would give the Leafs plenty of speed at centre, a position where the team now has some depth with free agent Tim Connolly, Mikhail Grabovski and Tyler Bozak, plus prospects Joe Colborne and Nazem Kadri. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Can they make the cut?

Oilers pick Nugent-Hopkins, other top prospects seeking first NHL jobs

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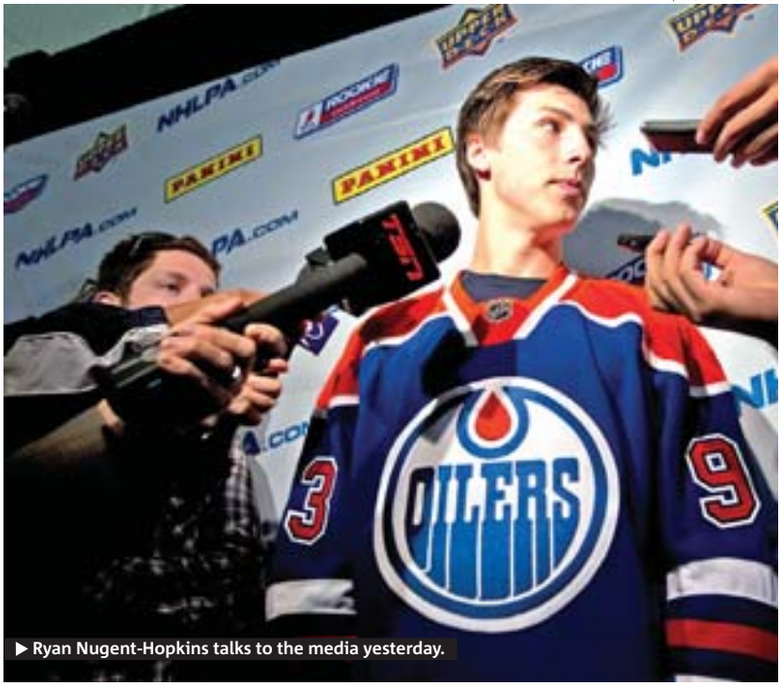

▶ Ryan Nugent-Hopkins talks to the media yesterday.

Recent history suggests two of them will still be wearing NHL sweaters in October.

As Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Gabriel Landeskog and Jonathan Huberdeau pulled on the uniform of their new NHL teams Tuesday morning, each expressed a strong desire to continue wearing it all season. With training camps approaching, the top three picks from June's draft feel tantalizingly close to finally realizing their NHL dream.

"I just want to wear this sweater and I just want to get on the ice and play," said Nugent-Hopkins, sporting a blue and orange No. 93 Edmonton Oilers home jersey.

The 18-year-old centre has spent a considerable amount of time in the gym since being selected with the No. 1 pick at the Xcel Energy Center in Minnesota.

Nugent-Hopkins estimates that he's added 12 pounds to his six-foot frame over the summer and now weighs in at about 177 pounds. It was done with an eye on cracking the Oilers roster out of training camp.

"Hopefully that will help me," said Nugent-Hopkins. "I'm not too focused on my weight right now, I'm just going to focus on how well I play and just playing as good as I can. Obviously, the weight was a little bit of an issue so I tried to address it as much as I could."

The only No. 1 pick who didn't jump straight to the NHL since the lockout was defenceman Erik Johnson, who spent a season at the University of Minnesota rather than join the St. Louis Blues in 2006. Overall, 11 of the 18 players taken in the top three spots between 2005 and 2010 went directly to the NHL.

It was no coincidence that Nugent-Hopkins, Landeskog and Huberdeau were grouped together yesterday at the NHLPA's rookie showcase, an event where 26 prospects took the ice and posed for photos that will be used on their first NHL trading cards.

They've been fielding questions about whether they were ready to play in the NHL right away since before the draft. The focus on them will only intensify in the coming weeks during rookie tournaments and their first training camps.

"It's something that comes along with (being a top pick)," said Landeskog, who sported a No. 92 Colorado Avalanche jersey. "I see pressure as a positive thing. I want high expectations (placed on) myself. That's why I play this game — I want to get better every day."

He'll travel to Denver on Wednesday and plans to pick the brain of teammate Matt Duchene, who was selected third in the 2009 draft and joined the Avalanche the following season.

Many believe Landeskog is in the best position among this year's draft class to earn a job because he's physically mature and trying to crack the roster of a rebuilding team. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sports in brief

A former NBA player who is accused of shooting an Atlanta woman to death appeared to be retaliating for being robbed of $55,000 US worth of jewelry, police said.

Javaris Crittenton was arrested late Monday at a Southern California airport. He has been charged with murder in the Aug. 19 shooting death of Jullian Jones outside her house in Atlanta, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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‘Red Rocket’ waiting to wear red and white

Canada Basketball vies for Olympic berth as former Raptor fan favourite struggles to obtain passport

More than two years into his quest for Canadian citizenship, Matt Bonner remains grounded by red tape.

So the former Raptor, known in Toronto as the “Red Rocket,” will watch with fingers crossed as Canada’s men’s basketball team bids this week for a spot in the 2012 Olympics. And then he can only hope he receives his passport in time to suit up in London if the Canadians do qualify.

“I’m just kind of waiting and hoping,” Bonner said in a phone interview. “It’s hard to talk about because it’s kind of a bummer.”

The 31-year-old, now with the San Antonio Spurs, owns a home in Toronto. His wife Nadia,

“I just thought it would be awesome to be able to get my passport and represent my country.”
MATT BONNER

whom he met while with the Raptors, and daughter Evangeline-Vesper are Canadian. He also has a grandfather from Newfoundland.

Yet, Bonner’s application for citizenship has been denied once, based partly, according to Canadian coach Leo Rautins, on the amount of time he spends in the country.

“I feel bad for him. He’s dying to play, he wants to play,” Rautins said.

Bonner said his passport isn’t all about basketball. He plans to make his home in Toronto once he retires and would apply for Canadian citizenship regardless.

The Canadians tip off the FIBA Americas tournament today against Brazil in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

The top-two finishers earn berths in London, while the third- through fifth-place finishers will play in a second-chance tournament next summer to determine the final three Olympic entries.

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▶ Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot in his 6-3, 7-6 (1), 7-5 win over Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan yesterday.

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▶ Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns against Conor Niland in the Flushing neighbourhood of the Queens borough of New York City.

Grand openings in New York

Djokovic proves on Day 2 of U.S. Open that he's feeling fine after missing time with sore shoulder

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▶ Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark serves against Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain.

No. 1's advance

Novak Djokovic began his first-round match at the U.S. Open yesterday with a 121 mph service winner and never looked back in his first match since Aug. 21.

- The top-seeded Djokovic built a 6-0, 5-1 lead before qualifier Conor Niland of Ireland, who had food poisoning, stopped after 44 minutes.
- Earlier yesterday, women's top seed Caroline Wozniacki — who's been ranked No. 1 for most of the past year but has yet to win a Grand Slam trophy — defeated 125th-ranked Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1.
- Sixth seed Li Na was upset 6-2, 7-5 by 53rd-ranked Simona Halep of Romania. Li's record is now 5-6 since becoming China's first major singles champion in June when she won the French Open.

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Engine

Getting the Beetle up to speed is handled by three distinct powerplants.

Base models come with a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine that pretty much carries over from the New Beetle. Optional is VW's popular 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel (TDI) that offers a very real alternative to most gas-electric hybrids when overall fuel economy and initial purchase cost are factored in.

The top-rung and most performance-focused Beetle features a 200-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that also returns slightly better fuel economy than the base five-cylinder.

'Adult contemporary'

The 2012 Beetle features more people-friendly dimensions.

The distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased to create some much-needed rear-seat legroom as well as a more generous stowage area with either the 50:50 split rear seat occupied or folded flat.

On the inside, the term "adult contemporary" comes to mind.

A sense of purpose and sportiness prevails with easy-to-read dials and massive air vents at either end of the dashboard.

Different look

Gone is the New Beetle's oval, almost cartoonish appearance, replaced by a longer hood and flatter roofline that ends in a rounded hatchway flanked by a set of prominent taillights.

Overall it's a look that Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, who sculpted the original Beetle nearly three-quarters of a century ago, would likely approve of.

▶ Although it looks lower, it's really because the Beetle is longer and wider than before. Three engine choices greet buyers with the turbo-diesel being our choice for around-town pep and excellent economy.

Catch the VW Bug all over again

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The new 2012 Beetle represents another step back to the future for an iconic brand that is simply too good to let slip away.

The world held its collective baited breath when Volkswagen launched the New Beetle back in the late 1990s, before surging forward to scoop up as many of the reconstituted Bugs as the German automaker could produce.

Not many years later, the New Beetle had become not so new and its popularity waned.

Although the convertible version maintained a respectable degree of popularity, the hatchback model seemed to drift unchecked year after model year.

Following a one-year absence, the Beetle is back this fall with sharper styling, a roomier and up-to-date interior and more available power. Yes, and the name has been shortened to just plain Beetle, if you please.

That the car is returning at all is a gutsy move. After all, nobody begrudged Chrysler for cashiering the PT Cruiser econo-hot rod following its lengthy run and well after its "best-before" date had come and gone. But VW management obviously thought the Beetle brand was worth continuing.

What has emerged is a well-balanced and sportier shape that also projects the necessary degree of charm that pays homage to that original look.

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By comparison

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▶ "Being involved with leading edge technology is a great opportunity to motivate and develop our people," commented Ray Tanguay (inset), after his Toyota plant in Woodstock, Ont., was confirmed to produce the all-electric RAV EV.

Sergio Marchionne is the high-flying and much-quoted president of Fiat and Chrysler. But he isn't the only Canadian making an impact on the global automotive stage.

After a promotion earlier this year, Ray Tanguay became the highest-ranking non-Japanese executive at Toyota Motor Corporation.

During Toyota's recall difficulties, he was asked by Toyota's numero uno executive, president Akio Toyoda, to help draft a Global Vision Business Plan, which would ultimately guide the Toyota mothership back on course.

Tanguay believed he received the invite to craft a plan because he made "the biggest noise" about Toyota losing its way. The gist of his vision was that Toyota's immense workforce, scattered all over the globe, needed a greater sense of mission and empowerment. To that end, he suggested more local decision-making and direct access to the top decision-makers in Japan.

Toyoda liked Tanguay's plan so much he immediately added the title of senior managing officer of Toyota Motor Corporation to Tanguay's already considerable portfolio. There are only three such positions worldwide, and they are just one rung below that of the board of directors.

Currently his two other titles are: Senior Vice President, Toyota Motor North America; and Chairman, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada.

The plan is far from his only accomplishment. He continues to champion more production and research facilities on this continent. He oversaw the growth of Toyota's

Canadian production in Cambridge, Ont., and its evolution into a perennial winner of international quality awards. This made it easy for Toyota to send Lexus RX 350 production there in 2003 — still the only Lexus plant outside of Japan. And when Toyota was looking to open a North American plant to build its RAV4, Tanguay came up with a novel proposal — build the RAV4 plant in nearby Woodstock, as a satellite facility of the Cambridge plant.

Another recent accomplishment: The "house that Ray built" in Woodstock just received confirmation this month, that it will be the first North American Toyota facility to build an electric vehicle. In fact, the RAV EV will be built on the same line as the gasoline-powered RAV4.

Tanguay has French Canadian roots. Silver-haired, tall, and dignified, he reminds one of another charismatic French Canadian leader — Jean Beliveau, the legendary and graceful captain of the Montreal Canadians.

I don't know if Tanguay ever played hockey. But seeing that he was born and raised in Mattice, a remote town in northern Ontario, I'm betting he did. And I'm betting that underneath the controlled persona is someone just like Beliveau, someone with a lot of drive, passion, and competitive fight.

Top Gear

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1 The slick Shelby Cruiser from Felt Bicycles bears the name of racer/car builder Carroll Shelby and is intended to be a two-wheel interpretation of the mid-'60s Mustang-based GT350. The bicycle boasts a hydroformed tank frame (shaped using hydraulic fluid pumped into a hollow aluminum tube under high pressure), Shimano Nexus-brand three-speed gearing, black 36-spoke super-wide rims and a special double front fork (one of which is spring-loaded). feltbicycles.com.

2 The Traffic Jam logic puzzle from ThinkFun has been challenging millions of players for more than 25 years. The idea is to slide the blocking vehicles in such a way so that the path is clear for the red-coloured car to exit the game board. Sounds simple enough, but after trying it ourselves we can attest to the skill and smarts needed to free the car from its gridlocked position. Check with your local toy outlet, or order online at thinkfun.com. WHEELBASE

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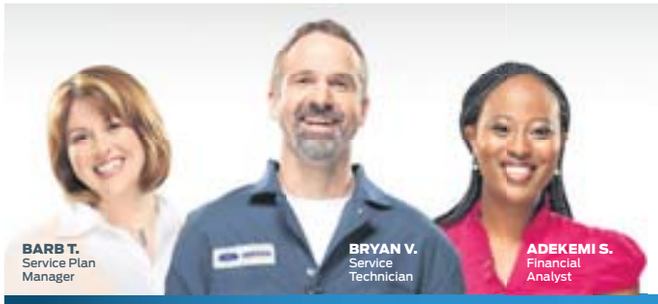

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Performance

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Exterior

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Interior

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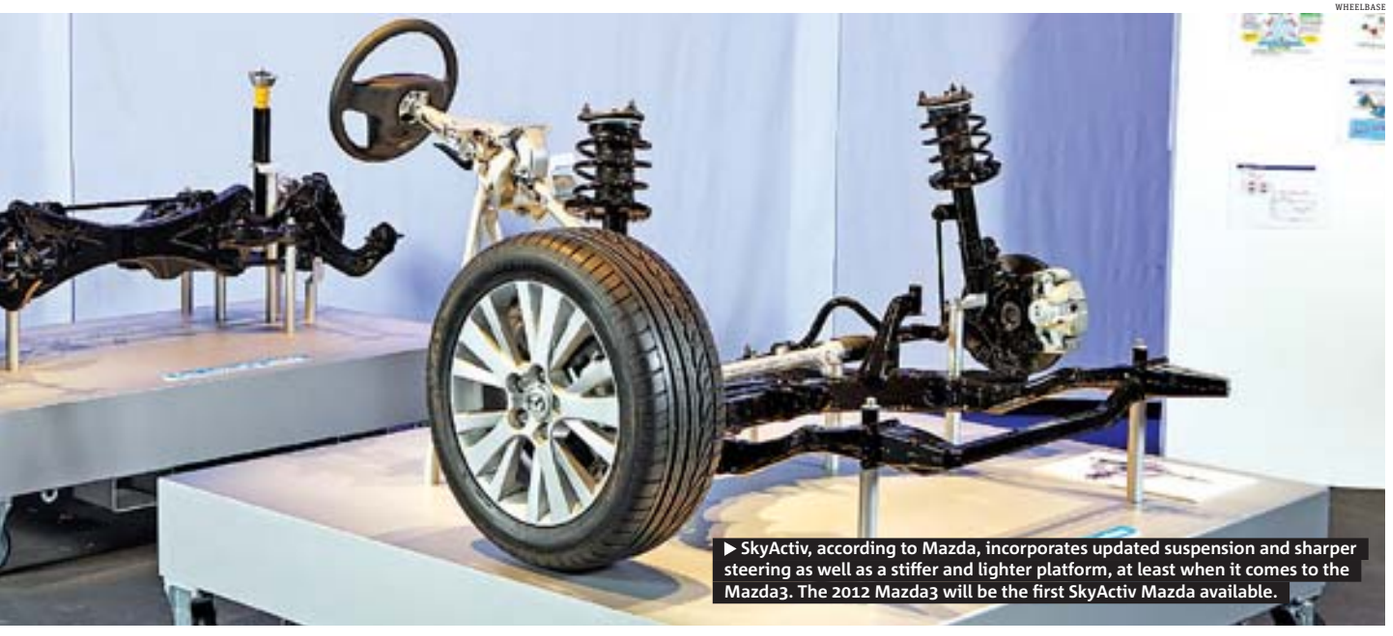

▶ SkyActiv, according to Mazda, incorporates updated suspension and sharper steering as well as a stiffer and lighter platform, at least when it comes to the Mazda3. The 2012 Mazda3 will be the first SkyActiv Mazda available.

30%

Mazda executive Kiyoshi Fujiwara said the company has a goal to improve fuel economy of its cars 30 per cent by 2015.

has 12:1 compression, but, amazingly, uses regular-grade fuel.

Mazda says that a higher compression ratio increases thermal efficiency, which is a good thing. Compared to Mazda's conventional 2.0-litre four-cylinder, the SkyActiv engine increases torque by 15 per cent, cuts the carbon dioxide emissions by 15 per cent and boosts fuel economy by 15 per cent.

If the SkyActiv gasoline engine can achieve all this, wait until you see what tricks Mazda's SkyActiv diesel engine can perform.

Here, Mazda has rejected the conventional high-compression approach and created the world's lowest-compression turbo-diesel, rated at 14:1 (the ratio on Volkswagen's popular 2.0-litre turbo-diesel is 16.5:1).

Compared to Mazda's current European diesel, the new higher-revving piece and its more efficient turbocharger help deliver increased torque while upping fuel economy by a healthy 20 per cent.

But SkyActiv is more than just engines. There will also be improvements in shifting with both automatic and manual transmissions.

In addition, a lighter, yet more rigid body structure is part of the SkyActiv plan, as well as major changes to the suspension and steering systems that are meant to deliver a more comfortable, agile drive.

From a business standpoint, SkyActiv certainly has merit.

Mazda is focused on improving cars that most people are likely to buy — and the high-volume Mazda3 nonetheless — while it pays close attention to what green technology eventually emerges as the most viable, at which point it can jump right in on the heels of the billions of dollars spent by other companies.

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Engine

All RL models got a 3.5-litre, 290 horsepower V6 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission and Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). There's no V8 engine available.

What owners like

Drivers of this generation RL report enjoying a comfortable and quiet ride, agile handling, "under-the-radar" styling and great long-haul comfort during road trips. Masterful build quality and materials impressed many owners, as did Acura's promise of reliable performance.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include small, fussy and complicated controls for the navigation and audio system, and a relatively small trunk. Some owners report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

Common issues

Low sales volumes mean Acura RL reliability information is tough to come by, but a few mandatory checks should help shoppers find a healthy unit. Approaching the RL, be sure the intelligent key-fob allows you to lock and unlock the doors with a touch on the handle. Look inside the wheelwells for signs of rust, as well as underneath the doors and around the trunk lid. Check for fluid leaks around the engine, transmission and transaxle.

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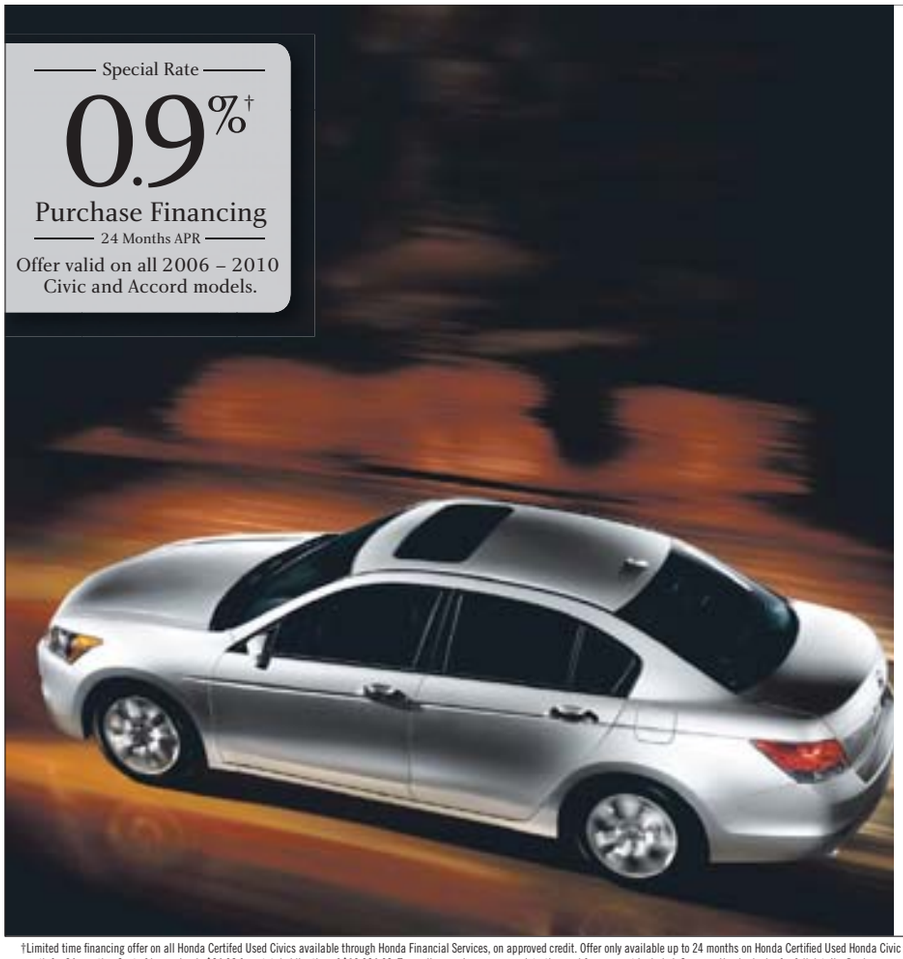

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From the road to the roof: Recycling tires

Ever wonder where your old tires ended up? It may have been used as landscape mulch or on sports fields

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Can you spot the used tires in this photo?

In the past, used tires were primarily a waste product in Ontario, thrown into landfills or shipped to areas that had recycling facilities. Now they're a hot commodity under a program that collects and sends them to be turned into new products.

"Last year we recycled somewhere in the realm of 11 million tires," says Andrew Horsman, executive director at Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS), the industry-run association that administers the program. "We have seven companies who are using (recycled tire) rubber in the manufacture of finished products, and by the end of this year we will have 10."

Recycling starts with separating the three main components of the tire: its rubber, steel, and nylon or polyester fibre.

It's mostly done through ambient grinding, where the tire is shredded at ambient temperature by huge metal cutters. A smaller percentage is done with a high-tech method called cryogenic grinding. The tire is cut into fist-sized pieces that are then frozen with liquid nitrogen and shattered with a hammer mill.

The steel in the tire is recycled by steel mills, while "fibre is the problem child," Horsman says. Most of it is currently burned to run cement kilns and some is used for animal bedding, but Horsman says research is ongoing to find a use for it in molded projects.

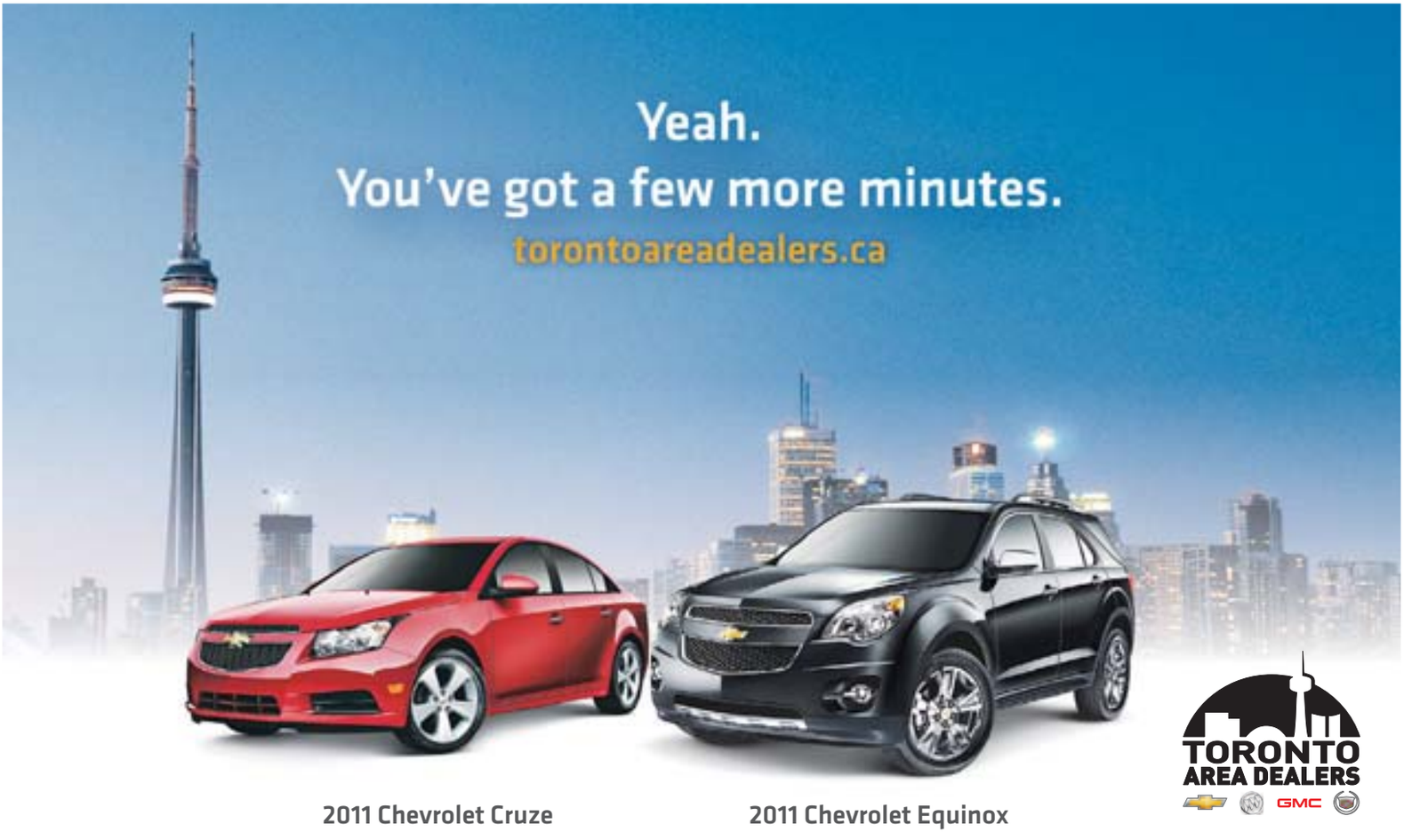
Most of the tire is rubber and there are many markets for it. Loose shreds are used for such things as landscape mulch and sports fields, especially rubber that's been ground cryogenically, since its unique shape resists compaction and provides better shock absorption.

Chopped rubber, called crumb, can be turned into a wide range of products including car parts, landscaping and floor tiles, door mats, roof shingles, livestock mats and carpet or floor underlay.

"All of these products are not only 'green' because they're recycled, but they perform better than the products they're replacing," Horsman says.

"There's a roof shingle of composite material made from recycled rubber and it's on par with a steel roof. It's a number of times more expensive than an asphalt shingle, but the installed warranty is 50 years and the product is recyclable at the end of its life. You'll replace an asphalt roof three to four times before you need to replace one of these."

Horsman says that roads built with rubberized asphalt have been successfully proven in Saskatchewan and several U.S. states, and that OTS is working to bring the product to Ontario.



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Global production down at Japanese automakers in July

- **Honda suffers sixth-straight month of decline**
- **Nissan bucks trend, instead setting company record**

Most Japanese automakers reported lacklustre vehicle production and sales for July, underscoring ongoing malaise in the industry as it grapples with a strong yen, precarious global economy and recovery from the March 11 tsunami.

Worldwide production at Toyota Motor Corp. fell 6.1 per cent from a year earlier to 594,614 vehicles, the company said yesterday. Its domestic sales of passenger cars, trucks and buses tumbled more than 35 per cent, and exports fell 5 per cent due to weaker shipments to North America.

Toyota, however, said its production returned to levels that were near to what it had planned before the March earthquake and tsunami struck Japan's northeastern coast, wiping out auto parts suppliers.

The automaker is preparing to ramp up production in the coming months to make up for the capacity lost to the disaster. Between October and March 2012, the automaker plans to build an extra 350,000 vehicles.

The numbers were worse at Honda Motor Co., where global production tumbled more than 34 per cent to 206,727 vehicles in July. It was the sixth-straight month of decline.

Honda's domestic sales of vehicles fell 31.5 per cent and exports retreated more than 19 per cent.

Standing above the crowd was Nissan Motor Co., which continued to gain momentum and set company records in July.

The Yokohama-based automaker recorded an almost 18 per cent jump in worldwide output to 388,680 vehicles — its best-ever July performance. Production in the U.S. benefited from stronger demand for the Altima sedan, Nissan said.

Although Nissan's Japan sales fell 17 per cent in volume terms, global sales overall rose 8 per cent. Exports surged more than 23 per cent.

Among Japan's other car makers, Suzuki Motor Corp. posted a 3.6 per cent decline in global production to 228,147 vehicles.

Worldwide output at Mazda Motor Corp. fell almost 13 per cent to 103,384 vehicles. At Mitsubishi Motors Corp., it declined about 5 per cent to 97,862 vehicles.

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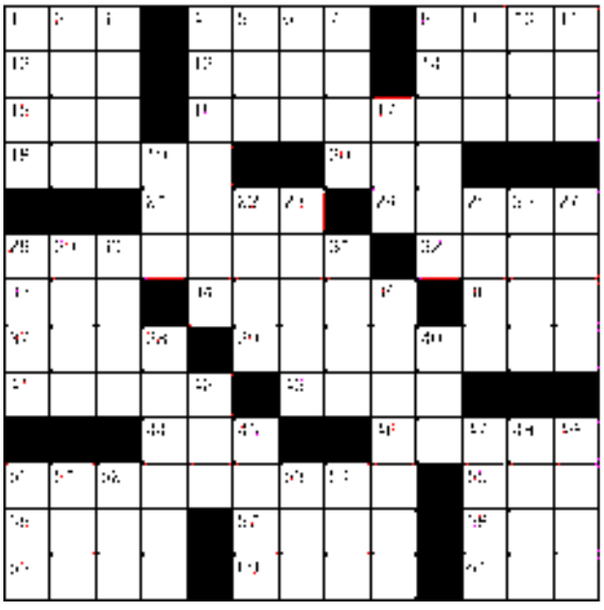


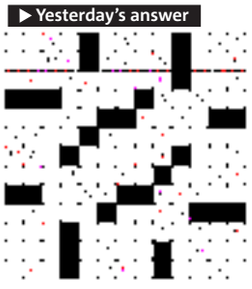
Across

1 — Zedong
4 Filly's brother
8 Sprint
12 "La Cage — Folles"
13 Vicinity
14 Reed instrument
15 Anger
16 Fuel
18 Island porch
20 Popular ISP
21 "— Wonderful Life"
24 Sultan's wives
28 Iraq War general David
32 Lasso
33 Uncooked
34 Within the law
36 River island
37 Fertility goddess
39 Italian poet
41 Costume
43 Coral structure
44 Kanga's kid
46 Book of maps
50 Scared, and then some
55 Lubricate
56 Mayberry moppet
57 4-Across, e.g.
58 Praise in verse
59 Like candles
60 Foolproof
61 Cushion

Down

1 Postal delivery
2 Emanation
3 The yoke's on them
4 Lincoln, Madison or Jackson
5 Tramcar load
6 Allow
7 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
8 Buck
9 Copper head?
10 Old French coin
11 Height of fashion?
17 Fireworks reaction
19 Melody
22 Leak slowly
23 Boring tool
25 Bellow
26 Grand-scale
27 Syst.
28 Overly proper one
29 Facility
30 Nincompoop
31 Location
35 Apt rhyme for "pedal"
38 "Oklahoma!" transport
40 Sternward
42 Luau bowlful
45 Kills "Sopranos"-style
47 Aerobatic maneuver
48 Verdi opera
49 Coaster
50 "Bam!"
51 Clean Air Act org.
52 Ducats, for short
53 Debtor's letters
54 Corn spike

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

	9			5			7	
		8	1		7	2		
5								3
7		4				9		6
			4		2			
8		9				1		5
4								8
		6	7		1	3		
	8			3			6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	3	1	6	4	2	5	7	8
2	7	5	8	9	1	6	3	4
4	6	8	5	7	3	2	9	1
3	1	2	7	5	6	4	8	9
7	9	4	2	1	8	3	5	6
5	8	6	4	3	9	1	2	7
8	2	3	9	6	4	7	1	5
1	4	7	3	8	5	9	6	2
6	5	9	1	2	7	8	4	3

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You know what you are capable of (much more than most people) so get out there and make it happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Venus, planet of love, is strong in the most passionate area of your chart, so make the most of it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It will pay you to come on a little less strong today, especially at work.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Enjoy yourself today. Meet up with your favourite friends and do the kind of things that make you laugh.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You know what needs to be done to resolve a relationship issue and get back on good terms with loved ones.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Listen to advice from those you trust before you act. You have lots to learn.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your merest whim will be catered for by those who adore you today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Focus on things that bring you pleasure today and pretend that bad things do not exist. It's up to you whether you're happy or sad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may prefer to deal in facts but today you will have to take so many things on trust.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Something will grab hold of your imagination and refuse to let go.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Not everyone in this world is motivated by selfishness. Who can you help be a better person today?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You're special, and in some way today, you will prove it. Make the world better. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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